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Abdullah, Saddam debate Mideast

MANAMA, Jan. 15 (APF) — Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah deputy prime minister and head of Saudi Arabia's National Guard, has arrived unexpectedly in the Iraqi capital Baghdad. The Iraqi News Agency, INA, announced in a dispatch monitored here.

Prince Abdullah, who arrived Friday night, met Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to discuss bilateral and Arab affairs.

The meeting also included Iraqi Vice President Izzat Ibrahim and Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, the agency said.

INA reported Friday that Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), arrived in Baghdad Friday from Moscow. It said he was to hold a series of meetings with Iraqi leaders on PLO-Iraqi relations and latest developments on the Palestinian issue.

Meanwhile, King Hussein of Jordan left Amman for Baghdad Saturday on a visit to Iraq during which he will discuss Middle East peace efforts with Saddam Hussein, the Jordanian news agency Petra reported.

The King was accompanied by Prime Minister Modar Badran, chief of the royal cabinet Ahmad Al-Lawzi, and Royal Court Minister Amer Khammash.

Sultan, Zia confer

RAWALPINDI, Jan. 15 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Saturday reviewed with Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

The meeting attended by Pakistani Foreign Affairs Minister Shahbaz Qayyum Khan and General Rahim Khan, governor of Baluchistan province, Prince Sultan is currently on a private visit to Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani Air Force Saturday received a first batch on three F-16 fighter planes purchased from the United States, defense ministry sources said.

N-arms control need of hour, Reagan says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has said the United States was ready to consider every serious arms control proposal and was determined to resolve what he called the most important problem facing this generation.

In an obvious effort to quell speculation about disarray in administration policies on arms control, Reagan opened a brief televised press conference with a statement reiterating his determination to reach agreement with Moscow.

"Let there be no doubt: We're ready, we'll consider every serious proposal, and we're determined to succeed in this, the most important problem facing our generation," he said.

Later, referring to evident concern in Western Europe over the sudden dismissal of U.S. Arms Control Agency Director Eugene Rostow on Wednesday, Reagan said: "Our allies should not be from the things they read, concerned about whether we are lacking in determination or in disarray because we are not."

The president also twitted the White House press corps over articles speculating on administration disarray after Rostow's sacking, saying he was about to make a statement on arms control because "there has been such disarray approaching chaos in the press corps on the subject."

Asked why he had sought the resignation of Rostow, who has been under fire from right-wingers who considered him too willing to compromise with Moscow on arms limitation, Reagan replied: "That's all been explained away...we're streamlining the management."

Reagan said in reply to a question that Paul Nitze, chief U.S. negotiator on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF), who has also been the target of right-wing criticism, continued to have his full confidence.

He also told a questioner he would wait to see how the INF and separate strategic arms talks go before deciding on the need for a summit meeting with new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

Both sets of talks will resume in Geneva in a few weeks after recessing for the holidays.

Lebanon, Syria review withdrawal of troops

BEIRUT, Jan. 15 (AP) — Lebanon opened a new round of contacts with Syria Saturday to try to bring about a simultaneous withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli forces.

Syrian President Hafez Assad pledged to support Lebanon in its efforts to "regain sovereignty over its entire territory" but warned he would not allow Israel to "reap political or military gains out of its Lebanon invasion."

A government spokesman in Damascus said Assad made his position clear in a three-hour conference he held with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel's special envoy Jean Obied, who traveled to the Syrian capital earlier Saturday.

"Israel must withdraw from Lebanon without achieving any gains and without dictating any conditions that would infringe on Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Assad asserted, according to the spokesman.

Lebanese government leaders, meanwhile, held day-long talks with U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib and his assistant Morris Draper, on ways to accelerate withdrawal talks with Israel.

Habib and Draper then shuttled back to Israel and Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan said: "We hope this will be a decisive shuttle. Lebanon has paid a much dearer price for the Israeli invasion than it can afford. It's high time for all to realize that Lebanon cannot take any more (sufferings)."

On the eve of Obied's arrival, the Syrians indicated their displeasure with the U.S. mediated compromise agenda that broke a three-week stalemate in Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal talks.

"There is a new plot aimed at turning Lebanon into an American military protectorate. This became apparent in the light of the Lebanese-Israeli (ag-n-ia) agreement," said Syria's state radio.

"Syria is determined to resist and strive to undermine any agreement that would infringe on Lebanon's security, sovereignty or territorial integrity," the commentary said.

There was no word whether Obied met with any PLO officials during Damascus trip.

Nonaligned assail U.S. role

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 15 (AP) — A conference of foreign ministers and representatives of nonaligned nations Saturday adopted a policy statement highly critical of American Latin American policy but it was not as strong as earlier draft proposals.

The 64-point document called the "Communique of Managua" alludes heavily to the United States especially in connection with Nicaragua and El Salvador but mentions it less by name than did previous drafts. Two earlier proposals drawn up by Nicaragua were heavy with anti-American language.

The communique was approved by consensus but any of the 97 members can file "exceptions" to any part of it over the next month.

Israel and South Africa also received harsh treatment in the document which becomes a part of the policy of the nonaligned movement. Key parts of the communique:

— Denounce "threats and acts of aggression against Nicaragua, the financing of undercover actions, the use of U.S. territory and that of Nicaragua's neighbors for training of counter-revolutionary forces" for the purpose of toppling Nicaragua's revolutionary government.

— Referred to the use of Israel by the United States "in its interventionist policies in Latin America" and denounced Israeli visits and arms sales to unnamed Latin American countries for the increase of U.S.-Israeli intervention in the region."

— Called attention to Israel's 35-year criminal record in the Middle East and supported the Palestinian cause.

— Reaffirmed the right of Puerto Ricans to self determination and independence.

— Repeated a call for diplomatic breaks with South Africa because of that country's apartheid policies.

— Supported Argentina in its conflict with Britain over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and urged talks to settle the argument.

Reagan policy in melting pot over pope plot

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (R) — Allegations that Bulgarian agents aided the 1981 attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul have confronted Washington with a powderkeg of potential implications for U.S. foreign policy and the Western alliance.

So far the Reagan administration has spurned any temptation to accuse Bulgaria — and by extension, the Soviet Union — of involvement.

President Reagan has said that so long as Italy is still investigating the complex web of evidence, much of it circumstantial, he will not comment.

But current and former officials say Washington will be forced to react if Italy convicts a Bulgarian airline employee now under investigation for possible complicity in the crime.

Italian ministers have accused Bulgaria of involvement in the shooting, which came at a time when the Solidarity free trade union in the pontiff's native Poland was at the height of its powers.

Defense Minister Lella Lagorio, speaking in parliament last December, said that the attempt on the Pope's life was to be considered as an alternative to an invasion of Poland and constituted an "act of war in a time of peace."

Jordan dubs report on RIF baseless

ABU DHABI, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — Jordan categorically denied a report that Pentagon plans to train and equip a Rapid Intervention Force (RIF) to deal with potential crises in the Gulf, according to *Al-Khaleej* daily Saturday.

The daily said, following the report Friday, it contacted the Jordanian information minister in Amman and described the report as baseless and said that it had come at a time when the Zionist entity and its followers were trying to cast doubt on Jordanian moves for peace in the Gulf.

The report had emanated from syndicated columnist Jack Anderson who claimed that "the Pentagon's secret plan has already raised concern, especially among senators who say Israel, not Jordan, is better equipped to protect American interests in the Middle East." The Pentagon, while declining direct comment on the report, said Friday, "Jordan is an important friend of the U.S. Both countries have an interest in regional security. It is, therefore, normal for them to have discussions on these matters."

Al-Khaleej blasted the report editorially, saying it impairs the leadership and army of an Arab country (Jordan) because it would be like using mercenaries to serve foreign interests, which "we and Jordan reject."

"From the other side, it (report) represents a 'wedge,' being jammed by the Americans into the Arab relations... it is already well known that the defense of the Gulf is the sole responsibility of its states, and Arab cooperation in this respect should come under a comprehensive national Arab security umbrella and not under the umbrella of the Pentagon or any other foreign party," the daily stated.

As Gulf session ends Yamani set for talks with OPEC aides

MANAMA, Jan. 15 (AP) — A meeting of the oil ministers of the Gulf Arab states broke up inconclusively Saturday evening, with Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani declaring that he would be involved in unofficial consultations with some OPEC ministers here "for the next two or three days."

Yamani made the statement when intercepted in the lobby of the Regency Hotel after a press conference failed to produce any new information on the Gulf producers pricing plans within OPEC.

Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing states in the Gulf region were reported Saturday to have invited OPEC's Nigerian chairman to join a crucial policy party on the future of crude prices and production.

The United Arab Emirates news agency Wam, quoting "informed sources close to the ministers," said the invitation to Yehia Diko was issued with a view to "making their consultations on prices and production under OPEC's umbrella, not outside it."

The ministers are keen on reaching collective decisions within OPEC, maintaining for the organization its unity and assuring wide positive effects on the international level, the agency quoted the sources as saying.

The report said that the oil ministers of Iraq and Indonesia, Qasim Taki and Dr. Subroto, arrived here, meanwhile, for expanded consultations Saturday night.

The Gulf oil ministers party was officially launched in the morning by Yamani and his counterparts from the U.A.E., Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain. The first closed session was recessed a few hours later.

Sheikh Yamani held an informal ground-breaking session with four of the Gulf ministers Friday night, briefing them on the outlook from the viewpoint of Saudi Arabia — the largest single producer in the Gulf and in OPEC.

It was believed Yamani explained his expectations on whether there was a chance for an agreement within OPEC on production quotas, and the consequences of likely

Thatcher tackles pound crisis

BRISTOL, Jan. 15 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Saturday blamed the current slump in the British pound sterling on election jitters and the "mischievous prescriptions" of the opposition Labor Party.

In her first public appearance since returning Thursday from a five-day tour of the Falkland Islands, Mrs. Thatcher said her Conservative government would not be deflected from its tight-money policies by the "fickle worries of those who should know better."

About 300 demonstrators bobbed and cheered as the prime minister arrived at Bristol's Colston Hall to address some 1,400 Conservative trade unionists at their annual conference in this western England industrial seaport.

A dead fish and a flour bag were thrown in her direction, but Mrs. Thatcher smiled and continued walking past the protesters as the bag burst on the rear window of her black Jaguar limousine.

Arabs cancel trip to U.K.

MANAMA, Jan. 15 (AP) — Tunisia's foreign minister said here Saturday that the controversial Arab visit to London has been "called off" and that the Arab countries had no intention of "entering into a conflict with Britain."

Al-Baqi Al-Sibai made the statement at a press conference here after a tour in a number of Gulf countries, including Saudi Arabia.

"We have no intention of entering into a conflict with Britain," he said. "We wanted to go to London, as we went elsewhere to win public opinion to our side and explain the outlines of our proposals for (Arab-Israeli) peace parity, Britain imposed conditions that

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Italy press reports have said that Mehmet Ali Agca, the 23-year-old Turk convicted of shooting the pope now serving a life sentence in Italy, has detailed the plot to Italian Magistrate Ilario Martella.

Italian police detained the Bulgarian airline official Sergei Antonov, who is being held without bail. But Italian authorities have not yet decided whether to prosecute him.

Apart from Antonov, two other Bulgarians, both former employees of their embassy in Rome, are being sought in connection with the shooting in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

U.S. intelligence experts are also reported to have uncovered evidence that Antonov is a member of the Bulgarian secret service.

But the experts are said to have no proof that Antonov and his Bulgarian superiors, considered fiercely loyal and subservient to Moscow, participated in the plot against the pope.

The allegations have been consistently and vigorously denied by Bulgaria, and Moscow has called them "absurd insinuations" planted in the West to divert attention from a U.S. military build-up.

Whatever Italy decides, the deluge of claims and charges in the case has already inevitably cast some doubts over how much was known by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, who was head of the KGB, the Soviet secret service, when Ali Agca shot the pope.

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King Fahd to attend large water celebration

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Jan. 15 — King Fahd will officiate at a large celebration Feb. 22 marking the pumping of desalinated water from the Eastern Province to Riyadh. Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Sheikh in an announcement Saturday, described the project as gigantic and a turning point in the history of water programs in the Kingdom.

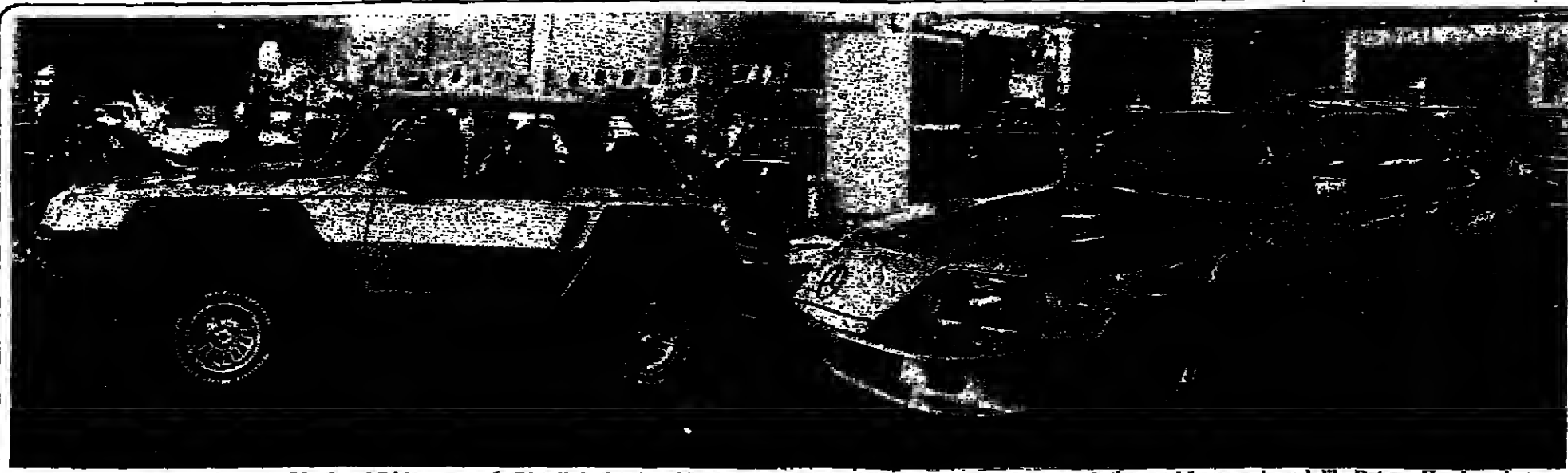
The minister chairs the General Organization for Water Desalination, which will organize the celebration.

Sheikh said the king's patronization of the project is considered as "the highest appreciation" for those engaged in water programs. The pumping of desalinated water to Riyadh is a gigantic project since it is the first time that the hinterland has been supplied with such water, he added.

Riyadh uses some 350,000 cubic meters of water every day and the state is redoubling its efforts to provide new water sources, foremost among which is the desalted waters of the Arabian Gulf at Jubail for the future.

The city has seven purification plants at Haer, Manfouha, Shuraiki, Malazz, Sal-boukh, Buwayb and Wasee. Water is also pumped out from more than 120 wells in and outside the capital. The city network's total length is about 3,500 kilometers to supply water to no less than 100,000 subscribers. About 40 percent of those subscribers have been connected to the sewage network.

But Riyadh's daily water supply is fair, just enough to cover the residents' water requirements if they do not abuse water consumption. Already, a large part of that quantity is wasted or used for unnecessary purposes, according to Omran Al-Omran, the director of the Riyadh Water and Sewage Department.



RIYADH AUTO SHOW: Al-Dhiyafa exhibition center in Riyadh is showing this year car models until Jan. 21. Present are not only the usual Japanese brands like Datsun, Honda and Toyota, but also the European ones which are represented by the Peugeot, Citroen, Mercedes as well as the American General Motors which is exhibiting Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick and Cadillac. Shown here are two of the unique models.

2-day '6 technology' computer show opens

RHE-Wang plan customer education centers

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — Computer education centers for customers have been planned in the Kingdom by the United States-based Wang Laboratories Inc. with its Saudi Arabian collaborators — Riyadh House Establishment, according to Wang's International Marketing Manager Bill Mueller.

Mueller, who has specially flown in to participate in the Wang's two-day "Six technology show" being hosted by RHE which began at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Saturday, told

Arab News that the centers will provide instructions to customers in computer science, word processing, data-based systems, networking and telecommunications.

The first of such schools will be started within a year either here or in Riyadh, he added.

"We already have such centers in London, Paris and Frankfurt," Mueller, who also spoke at the show said, adding that there will be specialized courses for computer sales and marketing as well.

RHE is also contemplating establishing a training institute for imparting computer sci-

ence training to young Saudi Arabian nationals in addition to providing its normal training facilities to customers, its computer division general manager Akbar Ahmad, who gave the opening address, interjected.

Inaugurating the six technology show Saturday, Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Abu Dawood stressed the importance of organizing computer seminars as they enable managers of various fields to have an insight into the latest developments.

A number of people attended the show covering a cross section of trade, industry, banks, insurance, government and embassies.

Others from Wang attending the show are Pan Clappas, director, Belgium; Neal McCann, international support specialist, U.S.; and Gujko Van Rossen, technical specialist, Belgium.

The show will remain open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A similar exhibit is being organized in Dammam from Jan. 18 through 19. On Jan. 17, a seminar is being hosted by RHE in collaboration with the Sigma Computer Resources Division of Saudi Arabia Investment Group and Marketing Company of Prince Abdullah Faisal on the automation system developed by the Kerridge Computer Company for automobile retail market.

Mueller said in the U.S. the Wang company, which was started by 62-year-old Chinese Dr. An Wang 32 years ago after graduating from the Harvard University, has been running schools imparting education on the use of various computer equipment.

"We have engineering specialists who are free to fly wherever customers need them," he said and added that one of the secrets of Wang's success is that it's an "open" company, meaning that customers are free to preview the computers for any length of time. In certain cases, customers have struck the deal after two to three years of previewing, he added.

"We are probably the most successful computer organization in the Middle East. We do business in all Gulf countries, most of African countries including Morocco. We are very well represented," Mueller said.

"RHE, thanks to the training given by the Wang in U.S. and Belgium, has over 250 major Wang systems installed in the Kingdom at such customers as Saudia Airlines, Aramco, Bechtel, Toyota and General Motors Distributors," Ahmad said.

19-man Birmingham commercial group to tour Kingdom Jan. 21-28

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — A British trade mission from the Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce arrived here Friday on a two-week visit to the Kingdom to explore the possibilities of joint ventures and exports of various commodities offered by them.

The 19-member team headed by F.J. Wunderley will be in Jeddah until Jan. 21, in Riyadh from Jan. 21-24 and Dhahran from Jan. 24-28.

"During their stay in these cities, members will visit Yanbu, Abha, Hail, Tabuk and Jubail, the areas relatively neglected by most trade teams," Wunderley said.

He told Arab News some of the members have regular contacts here, while others are new to the market and will explore the possibilities of joint ventures or seek to appoint agents in the Kingdom.

Wunderley said his company has developed a new product known as glass reinforced composite flooring a new product known as glass reinforced composite flooring, a corrosion resistant material useful for refineries and desalination plants. He is introducing it to this market for the first time and is intending to set up a joint venture or to appoint agents for its marketing. One member offers silver plated and gold plated giftware and decorative tableware and another offers agricultural equipment.

Other items offered by members will include material handling, garage equipment,

Arab education council meetings start in Riyadh

RIYADH, Jan. 15 — Abdurahman Al-Khadri, director general of cultural relations at the Iraqi Ministry of Education arrived in Riyadh Friday to attend meetings of the executive board of the Gulf States Arab

Saudi trade team visits India from Jan. 20-25

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — A delegation from the Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry will be visiting India Jan. 20-25 in response to an invitation extended by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), according to Indian Embassy Commercial Counsellor Shankar Kumar Mathur.

He said that the 15-member group headed by Dammam Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Saad M. Al-Moajil, will hold wide-ranging discussions with government officials, chambers of commerce, Indian businessmen and industrialists during the visit to New Delhi and Bombay.

Mission members are representatives of various chambers of commerce in Saudi Arabia and include Abdurrahman M. Abdulkarim, Hassan A. Mira, Emad A. Al-Mobeideb and Abdul Wahab M. Al-Ansari from Dammam; Saad A. Al-Ibrahim, Abdulaziz A. Al-Jaber and Abdulaziz S. Al-Afaleq from Al-Ahsa; Muhammad A. Bakes from Abha; Abdullah M. A. Saidi from Yanbu; Saleh S. Salama from Qassim; Abdulaziz Hanafi from Jeddah; Zamil M. Ajeeb from Taif; Abdul Sattar Al-Maimani and Dr. Muhammad F. Al-Hadrawi from Madinah.

Mathur said the highlight of the delegation's tour to New Delhi will be a visit to the Indian Trade Fair organized by the Association of Indian Engineering Industry from Jan. 19-27. It will give the delegation a glimpse of India's technological capabilities in various fields.

The visit of the delegation comes in the wake of a similar visit undertaken by an Indian delegation in March 1982. "It is hoped that this continuous interaction will further consolidate the strong trade relations between the two countries," Mathur added.

India's imports from Saudi Arabia were up to \$1.69 billion during 1980-81 from \$1.43 billion in the previous year.

Canada trade team visit postponed

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — The eight-member process control delegation of Canadian businessmen, accompanied by J. Szymonowski, an official from the Canadian Department of Commerce & Industry, has indefinitely postponed its arrival here, according to Canadian Embassy First Secretary and Consul Mark E. Bailey. The delegation was scheduled to fly in from Montreal Saturday.

Bailey said the embassy's Commercial Secretary G. D. Patterson would have accompanied the delegation locally.

Asked why the mission's visit was postponed, Bailey said: "Our signals crossed and as a result the delegation members could not obtain their visas in time. We have as yet no information when the mission will arrive. They may not come in the near future."

However, he added, an auto parts mission from his country is visiting the Kingdom in the last week of January.



COMPUTER SHOW: Visitors viewing some of the new computer products of the U.S.-based Wang Laboratories Inc. on the opening day of its two-day "Six technology show" being hosted by the Riyadh House Establishment at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Saturday.

Mosque Council deliberating now in Makkah

MAKKAH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — Prince Saud bin Abdul-Mohsen, deputy governor of the Makkah Province, Saturday inaugurated the 8th session of the Higher International Council for Mosques on behalf of King Fahd. Prince Saud referred to the Kingdom's support in building mosques and helping Islamic organizations for the propagation of Islam all over the world.

"While gathering in this holy place, all should feel their responsibility toward the cause of reinforcing Islamic solidarity and doing their best to achieve Islamic unity as well as to help mosques in their sublime role and mission from which active Islamic teachers are being graduated and later sent to all corners of the world," he said.

The council's chairman Sheikh Abdul-Aziz bin Baz underlined the importance of mosques and Islamic scholars and urged religious leaders to do their best to encourage Islamic education and solidarity.

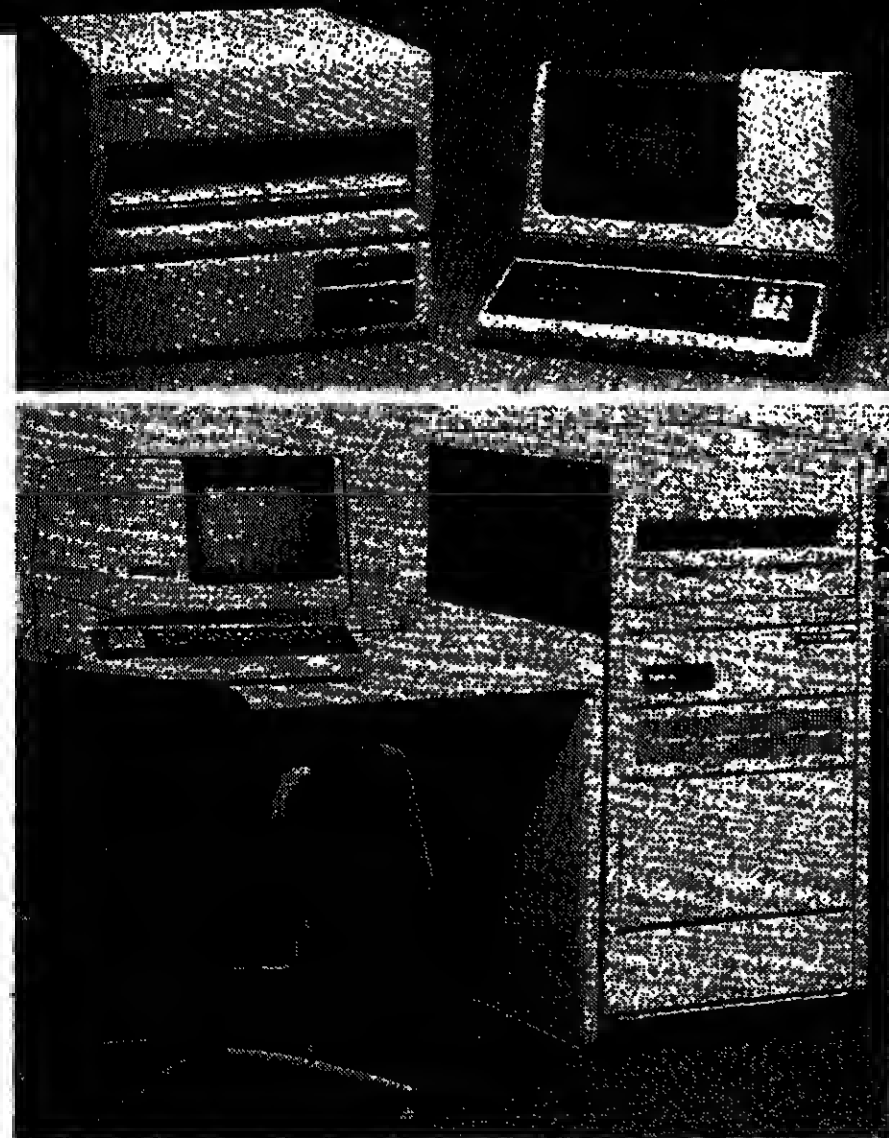
Speaking on behalf of the King, Prince Saud said the sufferings of the Islamic world were the result of rifts and peripheral differences among Muslims as well as their neglect of the rules of the Islamic faith and designs masterminded by their enemies.

Indian state chief minister due to arrive

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — Dr. Farouk Abdul-lah, chief minister of Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir is expected to arrive here Sunday and will visit the Kingdom for one week according to Indian Embassy Information Secretary Pankaj Chakravarty.

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Aba Al-Khail: Kingdom determined to expand, diversify economic base

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — The Kingdom is determined to expand the economic base, according to Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail. In an interview published in the survey supplement on "Saudi Arabia" published in *Economy*, the minister said the utmost budget is the lever used to keep the Kingdom's economy within the Five-Year Development plan.

Following are the observations made by Khail in the interview:

The Kingdom is in the middle of the Third Five-Year Development Plan. Its goals during the three development plans aim at developing and diversifying the productive sectors of the economy, provide all parts of the population with access to educational and health facilities, and complete and expand such infrastructure as housing, public utilities, and public services to enrich life in both urban and rural areas.

Naturally, the priorities have differed in each of the plans. But, over-all, the Kingdom's economic strategy could be described as transforming the country's economy base from one consisting of exporting crude oil and traditional subsistence agriculture, to one with a broad industrial component, a modern productive agriculture, and the wide range of service industries as found in the industrialized world.

The Kingdom's progress has already been considerable. All the infrastructural projects have been built. The infrastructures are modern and broad to make the achievement of the other objectives easier than before.

Interdependent economy

The Kingdom's economy is increasingly interdependent with the larger world economy. The world economy is now undergoing a slowdown. If the recovery of the world economy is, as expected, somewhat on the slow side, it is quite likely that this will



Muhammad Aba Al-Khail

affect the economy of the Kingdom.

Infrastructure in place

A second important point to be considered is that Saudi Arabia has been engaged in major infrastructural investment for nearly a decade. Much of this investment is now in place, and the Kingdom will soon be moving into a new stage of its development, one in which construction will gradually lessen in importance. Massive amounts of construction of long-lived capital assets such as highways, port facilities and airports have magnified such statistics as growth rates during recent years.

The long-term investments that the Kingdom is primarily interested in are those that will alter our economic base. These are, for example, the new cities of Yanbu and Jubail, the gas gathering system which is now nearly complete, other factories, the infrastructural investments that have been made and so forth. These are the sorts of investments that will provide for future generations of the Kingdom.

Investment considerations

Investment decisions are made on an annual basis and are subject to regular review. A number of considerations are made in these reviews, including total government commitments resulting from development project contracts within the Kingdom. The Kingdom's short-term investments overseas are, for the most part, temporary ones where its surplus funds are left until they are needed at home. The Kingdom also has a very limited amount of long-term investments in some countries. These are intended to be basically a channel for development cooperation, and not for profit.

Market factors

The amount of oil the Kingdom needs is dependent upon market factors. The Kingdom believes its oil policy to be a prudent one when the whole picture is viewed. Our children may have less oil, but we believe their overall circumstances will be better. Increased oil production may lead to some wasteful spending, but it also leads to the increased development of our economy and people. We continue to have the highest reserves-to-output ratio of any major producer.

The budget, particularly chapter four, which covers development projects, is designed to be consistent with the overall goals of the plan. It includes expanding the programs during each fiscal year to combine the achievement of those goals with transitional circumstances, either with regard to financial resources or to the control of inflation in the light of the internal and external factors, and of the progress in implementing certain projects.

Saudi participation

One of the overriding goals of the government here is to increase participation in the labor force by Saudi Arabian citizens and to increase the number of trained citizens who are working for the government. In many cases, when our new graduates join the government, we are not talking about extra jobs but about Saudi Arabians filling jobs that have been empty for some time, because we have had no one to fill them, or where we have had to temporarily hire expatriates. So we do not feel that at the present time our policy of requiring scholarship recipients to work for the government leads to the creation of unnecessary jobs.

There is also an element of equity involved. These students have benefited because the community as a whole has invested in them. They return this, in part, to the community through service in the government.

Sufficient revenues

Now, and probably for the foreseeable future, the simple fact is that oil generates sufficient revenues to support the government budget. As a result, over the past few years we have abolished a number of taxes which were necessary in an earlier period to raise the revenues that the government needed. These taxes have been abolished as a benefit to the population of the country — removing certain burdens, although many of them were small, from the people.

As all economists know, taxes introduce distortions into the economic structure of a society. We simply do not feel it necessary to take the risk of introducing such distortions when the government does not need the money. Many of these small taxes also cost a great deal to administer, with the result that little net revenue is gained.

Income distribution

As for ensuring a more equitable distribution of income and as a means of controlling liquidity, the government believes that investment policies are moving in the direction of solving both of these problems. The government has many expenditure channels. Some, like the interest-free loans and subsidies, have been designed to achieve specific goals.

Most of the subsidies, especially those to consumers, were introduced in the wake of inflationary problems that plagued the Kingdom in the mid-1970s. These were partly a result of our importing inflation along with the goods, partly a result of bottlenecks in the transport of goods and so on; and partly because of temporary shortages, especially in the housing market. For example, we experienced more than 30 percent inflation in 1976 but this was gradually reduced to about 11 percent in both 1977 and 1978, and then to 4 percent or less in each of the following years.

The subsidies on basic consumer items were meant as a palliative to consumers who were hit by rapidly rising prices when for many of them, especially the poorer citizens, incomes were not keeping up with inflation. So, at the time they were instituted, the economy was badly distorted for other reasons. In fact, these subsidies went a long way in redressing that imbalance.

It is possible that in the future, as we remove these bottlenecks, as inflation — that has for so long plagued the industrialized countries and those like ourselves who import so much from the industrialized countries — is reduced, we will not have as much need for these corrective mechanisms and we may well see a change in policy.

It is true that oil consumption and the consumption of natural gas is increasing throughout the developing world and also of course here and in the neighboring countries. We believe that most of this expansion until now at least has been due to such factors as the increased income of our residents. The marginal propensity to consume energy is quite high relative to income. Also our industrial program has begun to come on line and it is a consumer of considerable energy, especially since much of our industrial production involves the processing of petroleum. Technically, of course, this involves consumption of petroleum at one end, which is then exported in various semi-processed and fully processed forms.

Dynamic development

Development is a dynamic process. Our development plans have been designed with this in mind. The Third Plan has a certain amount of flexibility built into it. Within the overall scope of the plan we can make revisions as the needs of our development program evolve. We have not yet written in any revisions. However, the planning process is, and has been, under continuing discussion.

There are several benefits that would be expected to flow from broadening the development of the country. First, a significant proportion of our population does not reside in the three major regions. If such benefits as education, highways, electrification, and health care are brought to the smaller towns and the outlying provinces, obviously the human benefit is quite easy to see.

Second, investment outside these regions goes into industries or sectors that are not found in the urban regions. For example, we do not have much good agricultural land because we lack water; what we do have is scattered across the country, not concentrated in one or two areas, and there is not much around the biggest cities. So, obviously, the development of agriculture means the development of the Hofuf Region, of Qassim and of the Asir Province. We believe that we have made considerable progress in these regions.

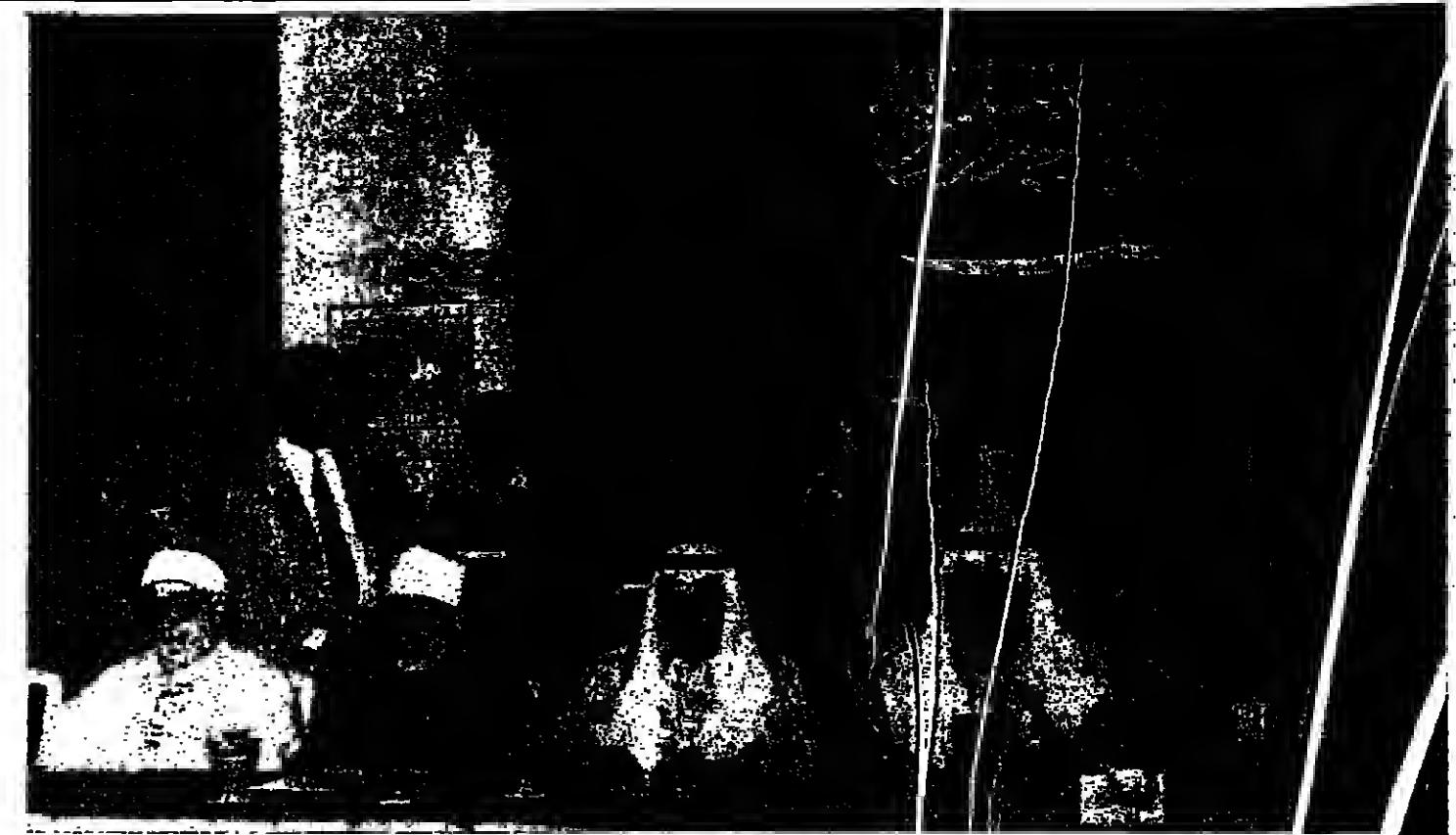
Also, we are trying to promote the development of non-petroleum natural resources. The most promising prospects are in the mountainous regions in the western part of the country.

Prince Saud meets Lloyd's of London officials

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — Prince Saud bin Abdullah Al-Faisal visited Lloyd's of London and the headquarters of the Institute of London Underwriters on Friday, according to a spokesman for the Arabian Inspection Survey Company, A.E.T. Lloyd's agents in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Saud, who is chief executive of Ara-



KING FAISAL AWARD CEREMONY: At a press conference on Jan. 12, the King Faisal International Prize (KFIP) was awarded to five distinguished personalities. Sheikh Hassan bin Makhloof and Tunka Abdul Rahman split the Islamic services award. The Islamic prize went to Dr. Muhammad Abdull Khaliq Altheenah, while Dr. Shawqi Dhafir won the Arabic literature prize and Professor V. J. Peters was given the medicine prize. Shown here, third and fourth from the left, Prince Abdull al-Faisal and Prince Khalid Al-Faisal announcing the names of the winners.

Projects increasing power output by 1,185mw being carried out

RIYADH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — The General Electricity Corporation is carrying out a number of projects scheduled to increase output by some 1,185 megawatts, according to engineer Mahmoud Taiba, the governor of the electricity corporation.

Taiba said that the first job is the Qassim Central Electricity project, which involves establishing a gas operated station with 600 megawatt output. The project includes controllers and the distribution network to electricity more than 400 cities and villages.

The first phase of this project was completed on Dec. 6 of last year. Hail will host the second central project. Taiba went on to say that this project requires establishing a 340 megawatt station and the supporting facilities to supply 350 towns with electricity.

The third project goes to Najran, where a 120-megawatt station will be built with a control system and distribution network. Then there is the Jof project with a proposed station with 125 megawatt capacity. Aside from these projects, Taiba added, there are other projects expected to be carried out in the current fiscal budget like the electricity projects for Fila area, Tabuk, Dawasir Valley, Adfag and Ar'ar.

Taiba noted that the corporation is carrying out a scheduled program to electrify hundreds of remote villages or those located along the Hajj road and could not

be covered by the central projects. The projects that have been completed already were handed over to the Central, South and Western Consolidated Electricity Companies.

Some of these projects are already underway, Taiba said, especially the ones planned for the current fiscal year. They are, for instance, the Santa Electricity Project which requires establishing a 20-megawatt station, Raniah with 10-megawatt, Sager station with 7.4-megawatt, and south Dhahran 7.5-megawatt station. Add to this is the expansion program for Khayr, Najran, Yanbu Al-Nakhla, Yanbu Al-Bahar, Gurrayat and Hail.

Taiba noted that the industry and electricity ministry has drawn up a long-term plan for the Kingdom in 25 years covering the period 1978-2003 and which is intended to connect the whole country with one network through the Five-Year Development Plans to get electricity services all over the Kingdom and that this plan is carried out under the auspices of the General Electricity Corporation and the four consolidated companies. The corporation is concerned mainly with the central big projects like the one in Qassim, Hail, Najran and Al-Jof beside extending the service to the remote villages and develop the existing projects.

Faisal Award recipient feels honored

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Jan. 15 (AP) — Former Malaysian Prime Minister and current president of the Muslim World Organization (PERKIM), Tunka Abdul Rahman, said Friday he is honored to be awarded the King Faisal International Prize for service to Islam.

He admitted that he was quite surprised when told of the new award when it was set up. News reports said Rahman, who was prime minister from 1957 to 1972, will be 80 years next month. Hassan bin Makhloof of Egypt was also declared a winner of the prize for 1982.

They are expected to receive the award in Riyadh in May. Rahman said he had never heard of the award. A spokesman of the Saudi Embassy here said they were still awaiting official word from their government.

Agricultural Bank loans total SR597 million

HAIL, Jan. 15 (SPA) — Loans provided by the Agricultural Bank here since its establishment about ten years ago stand at over 22,000 with a total amount of about SR5 million.

The amount does not include agricultural machinery and equipment made available over the past five years and amounting to more than SR19 million.

The manager of the Agricultural Bank here, revealing the figures, said the total amount of loans covered by the bank during the past eight months stood over 320,000 domans.

He added that the bank provided aid totaling more than SR5 million for agricultural machinery and equipment during the same period.

Farri projects financed

MAJMAH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — The Agriculture and Water Ministry has agreed to finance two projects for raising goats at a cost of SR4.3 million. The two projects can raise together 21,000 goats annually. Moreover, SR2.4 million were allotted for building dams in the area in six months to distribute water

Nova Park Hotel names manager

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — The Jeddah-based Albamra Nova Park Hotel has appointed Anwar Tashkandi as its public relations manager. He is also responsible for the security of the hotel and at the same time tries to solve problems, if any, for the guests.

A diploma-holder from the Washington's Lutz Hotel and Motel, Tashkandi has worked with the Intercontinental Hotel of Vakkah, Al-Jazira Hotel in Taif and gained some in-depth practical experience at Dhahran's Marriott Hotel.

Tashkandi praised the Nova Park management and said he was very happy to be with the hotel.

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Girls' education makes rapid strides as government gives full attention

RIYADH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — Girls' education in Saudi Arabia has made big strides in recent years due to the full attention given by the government to this field of education.

In the year 1960, the state responded to the persistent need for government schools for girls and for an administration that can organize and plan this field.

The government established the Girls' Education Administration which was able in less than ten years to carry out a complete system that goes up from elementary education which started in 1963 to secondary education, the first school of which was opened in the same year.

Officials issue ship regulations

RIYADH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — The Finance and National Economy Minister and the Customs Department have issued new regulations concerning supplies required by foreign ships from the Kingdom's ports. Al-Jazirah reported Saturday.

According to the report, the new regulations call for the continuation of the current supply system for the coming six months, whereby foreign ships can still get subsidized supplies provided that they pay in advance an amount equivalent to the subsidy. In the meantime, the agents of these ships should take the necessary measures to provide supplies for these ships through direct import.

Taxi meter use now mandatory

RIYADH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — Taxis here and in Jeddah, Medina, Makkah and Taif should start using meters from Saturday Jan. 15, Al-Riyadh reported.

According to the traffic police circular, the period required to arrange installation of these meters has already expired and traffic policemen are entrusted to see to it that new regulation concerning meter usage is being applied.

The system, which was recommended by the Traffic Department after careful study calls for an initial fare of SR5 when the passenger gets in the taxi, after the first two kilometers the meter begins to register one-half Riyal for every 400 meters, each one minute of waiting time is also calculated at one-half Riyal.

Prince Saud also met with the Institute of London Underwriters' Chairman A.S. Nunn and senior representatives of the leading insurance companies.

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In Lebanon

De Cuellar urges UNIFIL extension

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 15 (AP) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Friday it was "essential" that the shrinking U.N. peacekeeping force remain in southern Lebanon while talks continue between that country and Israel on the withdrawal of foreign armies.

But, in a written report to the Security Council, the secretary-general ruled out as premature Lebanon's suggestion that the peacekeeping force's operations be extended throughout the war-torn country "for the

three-month stalemate and agreed on an agenda for negotiations over the withdrawal of foreign troops.

In an interview with the Associated Press Wednesday, the secretary-general expressed the United Nations' readiness to supervise the withdrawal once an agreement is reached.

"That is something we are not only prepared to do but we are in a position to do it properly, if requested, of course," he remarked.

On the other hand, he said, the United Nations was not prepared to involve itself in Lebanese factional warfare, such as recently raged in the northern port city of Tripoli.

Perez de Cuellar's latest report to the council reveals that UNIFIL had shrunk from its peak strength of nearly 7,000 to 6,286

Rioting erupts near Beirut

BEIRUT, Jan. 15 (R) — Sporadic exchanges of shellfire were reported Saturday from the mountains south east of Beirut after fresh clashes Friday between Christian and Muslim gunmen.

The state radio said the exchanges were centered on the village of Majdel Yedouch 20 kilometers from Beirut. It gave no details of any casualties.

Christian and Druze militiamen have been

Iraq shoots down Iran's helicopter

TEHRAN, Jan. 15 (AP) — Iraq said its forces shot down an Iranian helicopter gunship during fighting that raged in the southern sector of the battlefield between the two countries.

Quoting a military communique, Baghdad radio said Friday the helicopter was seen exploding and crashing.

Iraq earlier claimed to have shot down two Iranian jet fighters and a drone in the same area during dogfights and air raids against the Iranians since last Monday.

In the ground fighting, the radio said the Iraqi forces killed nine troops in the various fronts, while the Iranians shelled the border town of Mandali, causing "some damage."

The official Iranian News Agency, IRNA, said that Iranian forces penetrated Iraqi positions in the Bakhtaran front destroying five Iraqi gun-up bunkers and killing their occupants.

It added that the fire exchanged persisted along the battle front in the past 24 hours, but was particularly heavy at Mchmak in the central sector.

In a separate report from Shiraz in southern Iran, IRNA said a group of volunteers were dispatched to the front Friday to fight alongside the regular Iranian Army against the Iraqis.

DONKEY AGE: Seeing is believing and one would say looking at the picture that UNIFIL forces are still living in donkey age as a soldier in southern Lebanon is seen carrying provisions for troops on a donkey.

hantling in the mountains since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last June upset the local balance of power.

Newspapers said Saturday that fighting erupted in several villages Friday, ending several days of relative calm. Each side accused the other of starting the battles, which at their height involved artillery exchanges but subsided into sporadic sniper fire.

Lebanon's other main trouble spot, the northern city of Tripoli, was quiet Saturday morning, a Reuters correspondent there reported.

Gunmen had opened fire Friday from a car, killing one person and wounding two, in Tripoli despite a six-day-old ceasefire between pro- and anti-Syrian armed factions.

Security sources said a Syrian soldier was one of the two people wounded in the attack close to the city center.

Mubarak seeks Paris parleys

CAIRO, Jan. 15 (AP) — Contacts are underway between Egypt and France for adding Paris to a tour that would also take President Hosni Mubarak to the United States, Canada and Britain, the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported Saturday.

The newspaper said the consultations are aimed at arranging a summit meeting between Mubarak and French President Francois Mitterrand but gave no exact date for the Paris visit.

Al-Ahram said Paris talks would be held Feb. 4.

Mubarak and Mitterrand met in Cairo last November and the newspaper said the planned Paris talks would be a continuation of those held in Cairo. When here, the two leaders concentrated on Middle East issues and bilateral relations.

Al-Ahram said Mubarak will begin his tour with a visit to the United States Jan. 26.

PLO forces to be put under single command

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (APF) — Abu Jihad, military leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization's main component, Fatah, told Agence France-Presse here that the unification of all Palestinian combatant forces under a single command was imminent.

In an exclusive interview, Abu Jihad denied recent reports that PLO chief Yasser Arafat had ordered to transfer Fatah headquarters to Jordan. No such decision had been taken, he said, adding that this headquarters had always been moved "wherever necessary for action."

Commenting on Israeli reports that King Hussein had authorized Fatah to conduct operations against Israel from Jordan, Abu Jihad said that "Israel propagates such information with the aim of provoking fear in Jordan so as to slow down the process of Jordanian-Palestinian normalization."

Questioned about the increase in the number of PLO forces in Jordan, Abu Jihad replied that "an agreement has been reached for an increase by several thousands of liberation army forces in Jordan", adding that preparations to receive these reinforcements were presently underway.

On the unified command to come, the Palestinian leader said that under a recent strategy, Palestinian forces in Syria and Lebanon's Bekaa Valley had already been unified. A proposal for the unification of all Palestinian forces will be presented to the National Palestinian Council (an exile parliament) when it meets next in Algiers

Feb. 14, Abu Jihad added.

Abu Jihad denied that Palestinian combatants evacuated from Beirut to Syria last year had returned to Lebanon. "Our forces present in the Bekaa Valley and North Lebanon are sufficient for the missions assigned to them," he declared.

He said that Palestinian forces in Tripoli, North Lebanon, had had no part in the recent violence there between pro and anti-Syrian militias but had, on the contrary, interposed themselves between the two sides.

The Palestinian leader also categorically denied that Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, envisaged any visit to Cairo. "No change in Egypt's policy would warrant such a visit," he said.

Meanwhile, Arafat has been invited to visit Sweden by the ruling Social Democratic Party, a party spokesman confirmed in Stockholm Friday. Gunnar Stenarv, international secretary of the party, said it was not known when the visit would take place and declined to give any details on the nature of the possible trip.

"Arafat is welcomed to visit Sweden, but no date has been set," he told reporters.

Stenarv would not comment on recent Danish press reports that Arafat would visit Norway, Sweden and Denmark "in the near future."

Arafat has earlier visited the Soviet Union. Public support given by Russians to plans for Jordanian-Palestinian entente comes at the right time for Arafat.

Yasser Arafat

Abu Jihad

Lebanon's crisis may lead to M.E. peace--Kissinger

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Jan. 15 (AP) — The crisis in Lebanon can be used to help bring peace to the Middle East, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told a Miami Beach audience.

Kissinger said he thought Israel and Lebanon could reach accord in four to six weeks. Aside from postures struck for domestic political reasons, "the sides are not far apart," he said Thursday night in a speech and press conference.

"I believe that the Lebanese crisis ... has consequences that are helpful to the prospects of peace," Kissinger told a capacity crowd of 1,550.

Kissinger became secretary in 1973 and served under both Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. He was awarded the Nobel peace prize for his role in negotiations with North Vietnam.

He said Lebanon war showed that the Soviets can supply arms but no solutions to the problems of the Mideast. The sale of Soviet arms had been a significant destabilizer in the region, creating the impression that the United States could not or would not protect its allies.

Kissinger said the rout of the Palestine Liberation Organization "restores to some extent, the credibility of American military power."

He counted that renewed credibility as one of several factors pressuring the Soviet Union into arms negotiations.

Meanwhile, Lebanese parliamentarian Louis Abu Sharaf briefed Bahrain's ruler Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa Saturday on the current talks between Israel and Lebanon.

3 Arabs to go on trial in U.K.

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AP) — Three Arabs charged in connection with the shooting of Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov in London last June 3 were ordered Friday to stand trial on Jan. 26 at London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court.

Israel gave the shooting of Argov as one of the reasons for its invasion of the Lebanon three days after the attempt on his life. The ambassador was shot in the head and was in a coma for five days before he recovered sufficiently to be taken home to Israel.

The Palestine Liberation Organization denied vehemently that the trio were PLO member and they were later identified as belonging to a group opposed to PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

The three men, identified as 20-year-old Jordanian students Hassen Said and Marwan Al-Banna and 36-year-old Iraqi merchant Nauoff Rosan, were charged by police three

days after the attempt on the life of Argov outside the Dorchester Hotel when he left a diplomatic dinner. All three denied attempting to murder Argov.

Turkish diplomat commits suicide

BELGRADE, Jan. 15 (R) — Turkish Consul-General Ekrem Arinkan committed suicide in the southern Yugoslav town of Skopje, police said.

Arinkan, a civil servant in the Turkish foreign ministry for almost 30 years, had been under nervous stress and had asked to be transferred home, Turkish diplomats said.

He was handing over duty to a new consul-general in Skopje when he killed himself with a pistol Wednesday, the diplomats said.

BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Nigerian President Shugu Shagari is expected to arrive in Pakistan Jan. 28 for a five-day state visit. It was announced here.

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Ilker Turkmen will pay a one-day visit to West Germany Jan. 26 at the invitation of his counterpart, Hans Dietrich Genscher, the foreign ministry said.

DAMASCUS (AFP) — Brig.-Gen. Muhammad Ibrahim Shaer, the head of the Moscow office of the Palestine Liberation Organization has died in hospital in Sofia, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported here Saturday.

TRIPOLI (AP) — George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, called Libya the "vanguard of the

Arab struggle against Zionism, and imperialism," the official Libyan news agency Jana said Friday.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Jordanian Prince Muhammad ibn Talal Hashimi, King Hussein's brother, inaugurated this city's first mosque here Thursday.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Afghan freedom fighters have destroyed a hospital and caused damage amounting to some \$6 million to the country's health services, according to the Czechoslovak news agency CTK quoted by Tass here Saturday.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has postponed indefinitely an official trip he was to have made to Zaire this weekend, his spokesman said here Friday night.

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Mozambique executes 4 S. African agents

MAPUTO, Jan. 15 (AP) — Four members of a South African-backed rebel movement were executed in public in a small Mozambique town last Tuesday, national radio reported Friday.

The radio said the firing-squad executions were carried out after the people had demanded they be put to death for their part in military attacks and sabotage. The four were members of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR). The public execution, the first in independent Mozambique, signals a dramatic hardening of policy by the government of President Samora Vachel, which says that white-ruled South Africa is using the MNR to destabilize Mozambique and prevent economic cooperation between the black-ruled countries of the region.

The radio report said the four rebels had been captured at Chicualacuala, on the Zimbabwe border, and then brought to Vacia, 145 kilometers north of here, where they were paraded at a public meeting of about 2,000 persons. Answering questions from Mozambican armed forces chief, Lt. Gen. Sebastiao Mahote, the prisoners recounted how they had attacked freight trains and destroyed the railway line, which links Vaputo to Zimbabwe, the report said. It said a military firing-squad then "put into practice the will of the people."

Until this week, some 40 persons had been sentenced to death by a special military tribunal set up in 1978 to help curb MNR sabotage and military actions launched from Rhodesia, as it then was. The rebels, who since Rhodesia became independent Zimbabwe in 1980, have received growing support from South Africa and have caused serious economic damage in large parts of Mozambique, particularly on transport links which also serve landlocked Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The rebels have been holding two French engineers since Dec. 22, halting construction work on a power line in the northern part of the country. However, many of the actions have been directed at the civilian population, with reported machine-gun attacks on buses and trains, burning of crops and villages and the mutilation of people associated with the government or the ruling Frelimo Party.

Following MNR attacks, there have been frequent calls by local people to summarily execute captured rebels. Such calls were heard at last Tuesday's meeting, according to other reports, particularly from those who had been victims of MNR actions. There were also calls to kill 12 other persons, who were said to have aided the MNR, but who had not taken part in military action. The executions follow a significant increase in fighting in the area west of Vacia, between the Limpopo and Incomati Rivers, approximately 200 kilometers north of Vaputo.

An unofficial report said 180 rebels had been killed in military operations near Vacia since the beginning of the year.

Florist called 'cat killer'

Brigitte Bardot faces slander suit

DRAGUIGNAN, France, Jan. 15 (AP) — French film star Brigitte Bardot appeared in court Friday in response to a slander suit filed against her by a florist whom she had called a "cat killer."

After testimony from Miss Bardot, a regional court judge in this southern French city near Toulon took the case under consideration and said his verdict would be handed down at a later date. "I regret nothing and if I had to do it over again, I'd do the same thing," the 48-year-old Miss Bardot told a packed court. "I'm not offering any apologies."

The suit against the blonde actress, an avid animal protection activist, was filed by Odette Giraud and seeks one franc (15 cents) in symbolic damages and \$1,212 in legal costs. "If Mrs. Giraud had killed a child, no one would be angry at what I said to her," Miss Bardot said during her 10-minute testimony at the two and a half hour proceeding. "I try to protect animals because they are delicate beings who suffer anxiety and pain. I revolt against people who are evil and unjust to animals," she said. The case stems from a Sept. 28, 1981, incident in the flower shop operated by Mrs. Giraud in St. Tropez, the French Riviera resort where Miss Bardot has a home.

According to testimony Friday, Miss Bardot appeared in Mrs. Giraud's shop four days after she heard the woman's cat had been bludgeoned to death with a hammer.

In her suit, Mrs. Giraud, who did not appear in court, contended Miss Bardot called her a "criminal and a cat killer" and that the following day someone wrote "they kill cats here," on her shop window.

Friday's proceeding showed it was actually Mrs. Giraud's son who killed the cat with a hammer after the Girauds contended it went into a frenzy upon seeing a doberman.

Mrs. Giraud's attorney told the court his client's reputation had suffered because of the attention given the case by Miss Bardot's involvement. The attorney said Mrs. Giraud had been insulted for an act she did not commit. He said the florist has received vindictive anonymous letters, some which expressed the hope that her son would die in the same manner as their cat.

Rebel raids kill four in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia, Jan. 15 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas raided two towns and killed four persons, including a city councilman who was executed in a main plaza before horrified townspeople, eyewitnesses said Friday.

The biggest guerrilla attack in two years came Thursday night in the town of Toribio when 200 guerrillas firing submachine guns and throwing grenades left the police station a pile of rubble, Mayor Hector Cuchilla said in a broadcast report heard in Bogota. The guerrillas attacked the police station with about 70 grenades, killed a policeman, robbed a bank, ransacked some stores and freed 11 prisoners from the city's jail, the mayor said.

Then the guerrillas dragged a city councilman, Jose Fernando Muneynn, into the town square and executed him before a firing squad while trembling townspeople were forced to watch, the mayor said. The councilman had tried to talk the guerrillas into withdrawing from the town, the mayor said.

One guerrilla was killed in the five hours of fighting in the town 563 kms southwest of the capital of Bogota, the mayor said. The guerrillas shouted slogans rejecting an amnesty offered by the government. Last Nov. 20, the government offered amnesty to all guerrillas who had not been involved in assassinations and kidnappings.

The guerrillas told townspeople they were members of the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces, the army said in a communiqué. The group is the largest insurgent force in Colombia with an estimated 2,000 rebels. Other insurgents of the same organization raided the town of Ariari, 480 kms east of the capital of Bogota Thursday night, a spokesman for the town government said in a broadcast report. The rebels killed a businessman and a policeman, the report said.

The attacks were the most serious since the government offered the amnesty. About 300 to 500 rebels have surrendered under the amnesty, according to published reports. Army sources have said in the past there are about 2,500 guerrillas in Colombia.

RAF pilots found guilty

WILDENRATH, West Germany, Jan. 15 (AP) — A British military court Friday found two Royal Air Force pilots guilty of accidentally shooting down another RAF pilot during a training session last May.

The military court ruled that the two pilots, 35 and 36, who were aboard a British Phantom jet, shot down a fellow pilot in a Jaguar jet during a training session. The two pilots apparently were unaware that their Phantom was carrying live ammunition.

The Jaguar burst into flames and crashed, but the pilot hit the automatic ejection button and parachuted to safety. The two pilots, who are charged with endangering the life of a fellow pilot and destroying Her Majesty's property, will be sentenced Saturday.

Protests banned in Salvador capital

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 15 (AP) — Demonstrations have been prohibited in the capital unless they are official. A police major who asked not to be identified said demonstrations could not be held because of problems, including division in the armed forces, following the revolt of Commander Sigifredo Ochoa Perez.

Ochoa is being sent to a Pentagon war college in Washington — an assignment considered a step up from the South American diplomatic post he had rejected during his rebellion.

Meanwhile, the clandestine leftist radio station Venceremos claimed the rebels have killed or wounded 46 government troops and captured 90 since their January offensive started five days ago. The broadcast also said 135 rifles have been captured. Col. Sigifredo Ochoa Perez, 40, told reporters Friday he is going to take a one-year course at the Inter-American Defense College, one of six Pentagon war colleges. "I think it will be a great experience," he said. "It's a very prestigious school. It's the culmination of an officer's career. It's an honor to be part of it."

A diplomatic source said attendance at the war college is a choice assignment that usually goes to officers in line for promotion. Ochoa did not indicate when he would take up his new assignment. The assignment to Washington is one more indication of

Ochoa's standing within the Salvadoran military establishment even though Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia, the defense minister, prevailed this week in his confrontation with the mutinous officer.

Military sources say the confrontation has weakened Garcia's authority. "Ochoa is not the problem," an army officer told the Associated Press. "The problem is the way this war is being run." Ochoa, considered one of the army's best field commanders in the battle against the guerrillas, is close to the right wing and has been critical of the army's dependence on the United States. He refused Garcia's order to accept the post of military attaché in the Salvadoran Embassy in Uruguay and rebelled Jan. 6, demanding that Garcia resign.

On Wednesday, he agreed to obey an order from President Alvaro Vagana to give up command of the 1,200 soldiers in Northern Cabanas Province. Vagana said there were no conditions attached to the agreement ending the week-long standoff and no plans to take disciplinary action against Ochoa.

In fighting Friday, guerrillas stepped up attacks near San Francisco Gotera, the beleaguered capital of Morazan Province, a military source said. Insurgents seized Cacopera, a nearby town, earlier this week in an offensive that started Sunday. Morazan, 160 kms northeast of San Salvador, is a poor and

rugged area where guerrillas long have been strong, particularly in the mountainous areas near the Honduran border.

Heavy fighting continued in Chalatenango Province, another longtime rebel stronghold. And local sources said guerrillas attacked Nueva Granada in the eastern province of Usulután and fought civil defense and national guard troops for four hours with casualties reported. The town is 109 kms east of the capital.

In the capital, police dispersed a demonstration by about 150 rightwing women, protesting conditions on U.S. aid to El Salvador, and criticizing Garcia. The group, the Association of Patriotic Women, is linked to Roberto d'Aubuisson, far-right speaker of the constituent assembly. It opposes any dialogue to end the three-year civil war.

There has been rising opposition in rightist circles to the conditions placed on American military and economic aid to the Salvadoran government. The Reagan administration must certify to the U.S. Congress by Jan. 28 that the government is reducing human rights violations and continuing social and economic reforms. American aid is dependent on certification.

At least 17 American delegations, including three groups of U.S. Congressmen, are expected for inspection visits in the two weeks before the deadline.

Book reveals

Roosevelt wanted to settle refugees in space

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15 (AP) — Sending refugees into space was among the ideas that arose briefly during a secret American study of what to do with the people left homeless by World War II, a privately published book says.

Author Henry Field, an 80-year-old retired anthropologist, said in a telephone interview Thursday from his coconut grove, Florida home that the idea of space colonies was abandoned because it would have "cost too much." Field headed a World War II study group commissioned by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt called "M Project. His book on the work, *M Project for F.D.R.: Studies in Migration and Settlement*, was published privately in 1962 after the material was declassified.

A copy of the book was found recently in the Temple University library by Sandy

Meredith, a clerk, and she brought it to the attention of *Mother Jones Magazine* in San Francisco. The magazine is publishing an article about the study in its February-March issue. Field's discussion of space colonization comes in the book's last chapter.

"Among the many flights of fancy, the idea of sending by rocket the earth's surplus population looks at the moment highly impracticable," Field wrote. "While temporary quarters may eventually be established on Venus or Mars, the probability of colonization seems unlikely." He concluded, based on 1961 estimates, that it would cost \$369 trillion to send the world's excess population to space colonies.

"All these figures ... indicate high degrees of improbability to a solution of overpopulation through migration into space," Field wrote.

The book also details plans for "resettlement" of Jews and others in places ranging from North Africa to South America. The study was kept secret at the time because it was such a sensitive issue, Field wrote, saying, "no leak of any kind occurred. Not one word got out to the press."

Field's book says the project was financed with \$180,000 in government funds and had a staff of 17 full-time researchers, 32 associates and nine secretaries. Field wrote that the project was intended to assemble data on population problems, migration and settlement with the corresponding analysis of reasons for migration, success or failure. The group produced 666 studies in 66 volumes, Field wrote.

None of the studies said how many persons should be resettled or where. But the studies outlined the advantages and disadvantages in various areas and said which ones would be best suited to settle them.

In his report on settlements in Africa, Field wrote that Northern Rhodesia, because of its location, "can never be expected to be as attractive to white settlement as the lands further south." But the study concluded that perhaps the biggest barrier to white settlement in East Africa lay "in neither health nor climate but in the presence of colored peoples."

Chirac wants trans-Atlantic unity for defending Europe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP) — Jacques Chirac, mayor of Paris and the most vocal leader of the conservative opposition in France, came out here Friday for trans-Atlantic solidarity in the defense of Europe, stepped-up defense efforts and Western consultations on East-West disarmament policies.

Chirac, who heads the Neo-Gaullist Party opposing France's Socialist-led regime under President Francois Mitterrand, also shrugged off the Soviet Union's new disarmament proposals as a mere "change of firm bringing nothing new to its substance," and called West German Social Democratic leader Hans Jochen Vogel "Demagogue" and "irresponsible" for urging that these proposals be studied with care.

The Neo-Gaullist leader was talking to American newsmen at a gathering convened by the magazine *Foreign Affairs*. Questioned how his Atlantic stance fitted the traditional Gaullist emphasis on national independence, Chirac replied that independence did not mean going it alone, adding that he was "ready to compromise in what is secondary because what is essential is threatened."

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Dozen unknown fossil species found in U.S.

PHOENIX, Arizona, Jan. 15 (AP) — Fossil remains of a dozen previously unknown 200-million-year-old reptiles were among bones of 24 species found last summer in the petrified national forest, a magazine says.

Among the species identified by scientists from the University of California-Berkeley and the Field Museum of Chicago was the having six-inch (15 cm) teeth, a six-foot (1.8 m) skull and a 45-foot (13 m) body. Paleontologist Robert Long is quoted in the copyright story in *Arizona Highways* magazine's February edition as saying: "(The creature) probably weighed 10 tons. In its time, it could have been the largest living animal on earth. It carried armor like a tank, probably spent most of its life submerged in water to support its body, and ate fish. The researchers said. Long said another fossil found was a primitive reptile labeled *lytrodon* that resembles the later, more ferocious meat-eating *tyrannosaurus rex*, measured about 20 feet (6 m) and apparently walked on its hind feet.

The researchers said the creatures previously unknown to science appeared to be over-sized salamanders and lizards. Long said the team's exploration was the most extensive ever in the petrified forest national park, which covers 93,493 acres (37,660 hectares) of high desert in northeastern Arizona.

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Moscow factor led to U.S. reassessment of China policy

By Richard M. Weintraub

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (WP) — Top Reagan administration officials are in the midst of a major reassessment of China policy before Secretary of State George Shultz's February trip to Peking, and are discussing U.S. unease at possible Chinese wavering on commitments to long-standing strategic interests in response to tempting appeals from Moscow.

Implicit in the administration's concern is the suggestion that Peking could complicate relations with Washington at a time when both countries instead might advance them, particularly in the area of energy development and possibly also military sales.

Underscoring the degree of interest in the U.S.-China-Soviet policy mix was a high-level seminar organized for Shultz and other top officials Saturday at the State Department. Many of the participants have been identified with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who was present, and almost all are known to have pressed in the past for closer ties with China while preserving an element of caution.

U.S. experts who have visited Peking recently say the Chinese are placing enormous importance on the Shultz visit, which begins Feb. 2, and note that his trip could be the first of several this year in a relationship that for the past decade has been oriented by top-level contacts. "U.S.-China relations have never become institutionalized. It is a relationship that has been trip-driven, and this year there likely will be two or three major top-level trips," said one expert with long experience dealing with the Chinese.

The Pentagon is said to be laying the groundwork for a possible high-level visit to China in the spring, and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is believed to have expressed a desire to make the trip himself. Administration officials also acknowledge that China's new premier, Zhao Ziyang, is a "likely summer visitor to Washington, although a final decision is one of the signals that U.S. officials will be looking for during the Shultz visit. A visit by Zhao to the United States would set the stage for a trip to China by President Reagan, although such a visit has not yet been decided.

The spate of possible high-level U.S.-China contacts follows several months during which there have been no such meetings. Even those of the first year and a half of the Reagan administration concentrated for the most part on hindering the wounds inflicted by Reagan's pro-Taiwan campaign rhetoric, culminating in the communiqué of last August on the Taiwan issue. During those months high-power relationship have come unhinged, with leadership changes in the Soviet Union and China and Shultz's emergence in place of Alexander Haig as secretary of state.

At the same time, relations among all three

big powers have become unusually fluid. U.S.-Soviet ties have become more contentions, while Moscow and Peking suddenly are talking about breathing new life into their relations and, concurrently, the Chinese have moved to put distance between themselves and Washington.

Shultz heard the views Saturday of a star-studded cast of China experts, pulled together by Winston Lord of the Council on Foreign Relations and a former policy maker himself. The group included former Defense Secretary Harold Brown and former national security council experts William Hyland, Richard Solomon and Michael Ocksenberg. Listening to their views, in addition to Shultz and the top echelon of the State Department, were Weinberger and National Security Adviser William Clark.

Observers of the U.S. policy process noted that there were no ardent pro-Taiwan advocates in the group, nor were there many voices who would have spoken as forcefully as Haig or former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski of using China as a counterweight to the Soviet Union.

Based on interviews with experts in and out of government, Shultz and the other policy makers most likely heard arguments in favor of meeting the Chinese on their own terms but making clear that their evolving relationship with Moscow affects U.S. interests not only in Asia but also in Europe. Shultz, if past practice is followed, will take these views into counsel along with others from within the policy apparatus before formulating his own views to take to the president. Some intra-government discussions are believed to have taken place already.

The Chinese, who are to go into the next round of talks with Moscow just after the Shultz visit, have outlined three areas in which they expect improvement from the Soviets if relations are to improve markedly: relaxation of tension along the Sino-Soviet border, withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and a shift in Soviet support for Vietnam, particularly Hanoi's control over Cambodia. At the same time, they also have outlined a policy of distancing themselves from Washington and equating the United States with the Soviet Union as danger and threat, albeit perhaps not as big a threat as Moscow.

"We have tried to treat them as a friendly, nonaligned country. When they lump us with the Soviets as hegemonists (the Chinese term for a country with imperialistic aims), that's not helpful," said one U.S. expert.

"If they make major shifts on the border question alone, that would be just a bilateral issue. The Chinese are making real efforts to win friends in Southeast Asia, and to make a change just in that area would be a charade. It would be destructive of their aims in the region and enhance suspicions of the Chinese," Left said was the fact that Chinese opposition to Vietnamese domination of all of

Indochina, coupled with a lessening of active Chinese support for Communist parties elsewhere in Southeast Asia, dovetails with U.S. interests, as does opposition to an increased Soviet military presence in the area.

"Cambodia is the heart of the matter for the Chinese," said one administration official, a perspective reinforced by recent Chinese visitors to Washington. The official indicated, however, that there were signs China might consider a relatively modest troop drawdown by the Vietnamese in Cambodia as sufficient for movement on the Sino-Soviet front, a step that would leave untouched, for the short run at least, the Soviet air and naval presence at former U.S. facilities in Southern Vietnam that have proven so worrisome to U.S. and Chinese strategic planners.

The Afghan issue remains in abeyance after signs of some movement by Moscow in mid and late 1982. Recent *Pravda* editorials have taken a hard line on the issue, and the next likely signals would come during U.N. special negotiator Diego Cordovez's trip to Pakistan. Afghanistan and Iran later this month.

Unusual recent Chinese press accounts of conditions along the border have noted that Soviet military exercises have been held much less frequently and that minor day-to-day problems have been more easily resolved. The article noted that the Soviet forces along the border are "no guard of honor" but added that "superficially it would seem that there are traces of relaxation, but we will have to let further facts and actions judge whether or not it is a substantial one."

U.S. officials more concerned with Soviet affairs indicate that they believe that new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov is serious in pushing ahead with Brezhnev's moves toward China and believe the United States should take counter steps, particularly in the trade area. "Andropov has a more Western European orientation. He may believe the previous leadership was a little hysterical about the Chinese threat. Soviet policy is increasingly Eurocentric," one high-ranking official argued.

"Andropov may be able to convince others that they can shift some resources over to Europe, in the sense of economic and propaganda resources, not just military. That is very important," the official said, referring to increasing Soviet efforts to wean the Europeans from U.S. leadership. He argued for "sending some signals" to the Chinese that the United States intends to solidify the relationship launched by former President Nixon and Kissinger a decade ago.

The "signals" would be in terms of increased access to U.S. technology, but the official acknowledged that the Pentagon and particularly the White House still were reluctant to move as rapidly as the Chinese might like.

Falklands victory, divided opposition still make Thatcher voters' favorite

By William Tuohy

LONDON, Jan. 15 (LAT) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher moves into 1983 confident that she can win a general election, and most observers expect her to call an election this year. Her popularity, as reflected in public opinion polls, seems to be holding up, although it has slipped somewhat from the high point it reached in the immediate aftermath of the Falkland Islands War with Argentina. Still, her standing in the polls is remarkably high despite the fact that more than 3 million Britons are unemployed, the highest level since the depression of the 1930s.

Under the British system, Mrs. Thatcher, elected in May 1979, can call an election any time before May 1984, when her 5-year-term expires. Over the new year's weekend, she said she would not even "begin to think of dates for an election until after May." She said there could be uncertainty in the last year of any government because few prime ministers allow their full time in office to expire before calling an election.

"You get an uncertainty factor after a time," she said, "and you must take that into account because other governments think, 'oh, well, there's a general election coming up,' and they want to know who's going to be in power."

Most political observers think that Mrs. Thatcher will be quick to set an election date if by May it seems to her that summer might be a good time for an election. Her timing may be dictated by the decline, so far, of inflation. Should it begin to look like the inflation rate might be going up again, she may move while she can still use the decline as a campaign theme.

Mrs. Thatcher says that she is still committed to a tough policy of cutting government spending, holding down wages and denationalizing industry. How is it that her popularity has held up past mid-term and in the face of high unemployment? For one thing, the unemployment issue has not cut as deeply, politically, as many experts thought only a few years ago that it would. As one of her advisers put it the other day: "Ten years ago, if someone had said there would be more than 3 million out of work, you would have predicted rioting in the streets and the downfall of any government responsible. But that simply hasn't happened, and nobody quite knows why."

A recent poll suggested that more than 70 percent of the unemployed were beginning to wonder whether they would ever get another permanent job, but at the same time only 25 percent of those polled actually blamed Mrs. Thatcher for their plight. Furthermore, the prime minister still seems to have the benefit of the so-called Falklands factor: Britain under her leadership succeeded in evicting the Argentine invasion force in a military and naval operation mounted 8,000 miles away. A biographer has made the point that she is a "warrior, not a healer," and that aspect of her character seems to have been clearly reflected in the conduct of the Falklands campaign. Moreover, it appeals strongly to the British voter.

"She laid low the ghost of any question about the desirability of a woman leading Britain during the Falklands campaign," a government official said. "The question of the wisdom of having a woman prime minister in Britain simply no longer exists."

An official investigation is said to have found that Britain's leaders failed to realize that the Argentines were serious about their invasion of the islands, which took place last April 2, but most observers believe that it will not be personally damaging to Mrs. Thatcher when a report of the investigation is submitted to parliament later this month. The report may be critical of the Foreign Office and the Defense Ministry, but the men who headed those ministries at the time — Lord Carrington and John Nott, respectively — are no longer in office.

In the view of some of Mrs. Thatcher's advisers, the unemployment problem is also mitigated by the fact that Britain is perceived to be living beyond its means and that some belt-tightening is necessary if there is to be a return to prosperity. "I think the British people recognize deep down that the country is not earning its keep," said an aide whose job is to keep abreast of public opinion.

"They know that she speaks an uncomfortable truth and that she is not going to take the easy way out when the economic going gets rough. Basically, the British people know that we simply must be competitive with other countries if we are to survive economically. And that is the Thatcher message."

Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party will also be helped by a redrawing of the parliamentary districts that is scheduled to be carried out before the next general election. It is likely to result in an increase of 20 to 30

seats for the Conservatives. Another critical factor in the prime minister's favor is the fragmented nature of the opposition. The Labor Party, under the leadership of the aging Michael Foot, presents an image of disarray and conflict.

In the Falklands crisis, Foot and other Labor Party leaders first approved the dispatch of a task force to the South Atlantic, then appeared to be reluctant to use military force. Since the war, Foot has been engaged in a running battle with the left wing of his party, a battle that some say shows him lacking in leadership qualities expected of one who aspires to be prime minister.

The breakaway Social Democratic Party has also suffered a decline in the opinion polls since the Falklands, and has been losing local elections around the country. The party's leader, Roy Jenkins, in the view of many political observers, has not measured up to what many of his supporters had expected. Moreover, the Social Democrats' uneasy alliance with the Liberal Party has produced a measure of discord over the number of seats each will be apportioned in the next general election.

Thus, the Conservatives do not face a united opposition but three separate groups that could well split a majority, opposition vote among them, allowing the ruling party to hold on for another five years. A question that is building up into what may be the key issue of 1983, besides unemployment, involves the stationing of U.S. nuclear missiles on British soil. The anti-missile lobby here, as it has elsewhere in Western Europe, has found support for its stand against accepting the advanced weapons. Many political observers think that the opposition may try to capitalize on anti-nuclear sentiment and make it an important election issue.

Mrs. Thatcher seems to be aware that public sentiment could go with the anti-missile forces, and she seems to have gone out of her way in recent statements to insist that she is very much on the side of disarmament so long as it is multilateral. As she put it recently on a television program: "I'm a disarmament. I want to spend less on armaments but I want to do it in a way which keeps our peace and security and our way of life."

In other words, I want disarmament so much that I want it to happen on both sides and to keep the balance. Oh yes, I'm a disarmament. But I'm a disarmament in a way which defends our peace and security.

In talks with Soviets Europe may seek soft U.S. line on arms

By John Palmer

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (G) — European NATO governments are anxious to take advantage of the planned tour by U.S. vice president George Bush this month, to urge Washington not to allow domestic difficulties over Congressional acceptance of the MX missile program to affect the Geneva nuclear arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union. And they will press the U.S. to be more flexible in discussing alternatives to the "zero option" on intermediate range missiles proposed by President Reagan.

In the view of a number of NATO governments the time is coming when some formal link may have to be conceded between the negotiations over strategic and medium range missiles which are conducted separately in Geneva. In this way, the European governments believe, it might be easier to make a constructive response to the latest proposals advanced by the Soviet leader, Yuri Andropov.

The new, more moderate tone in U.S. reactions to Soviet initiatives heard in recent days is privately welcomed in European capitals. But there is some concern at the implications of President Reagan's warning that if Congress does not back his plan to "dense pack" the new long range MX missile he may reconsider his stand on strategic arms reductions.

European NATO governments are far less convinced than Washington that the strategic imbalance between the U.S. and the Soviet Union is serious that the MX is indispensable.

And Bush will be told that unless the Reagan administration appears to be more welcoming and constructive in the arms negotiations, European governments may not be able to "hold the line" in support of U.S. policy in the face of the challenge of the European peace movement.

The Benelux, Scandinavian and West German governments are all anxious to explore the suggestion of a non-aggression pact put forward last week by the Warsaw Pact. And they would prefer that some distinction is made between the issues surrounding the perceived military threat from the Warsaw Pact in Central Europe and "Soviet behavior" in other parts of the world such as Afghanistan.

This is at odds with the explicit link made between Afghanistan and disarmament by the Reagan administration. Even so the signs are that Bush will want to reassure his European hosts that the U.S. will not reject out of hand new Soviet ideas, notably on medium range nuclear missiles, when the Geneva talks get going again at the end of the month.

While in London and Paris it would be surprising if Bush did not make some delicate inquiries about whether the British and French governments might be willing to have their "national" nuclear strike forces counted in, however, informally, in any new assessment of the balance of nuclear forces in the European theater. There is little enthusiasm for this in either capital where both nuclear weapons systems are counted as strategic

rather than intermediary. However, it is widely accepted that the distinctions between the two classes are going to be impossible to sustain once the bargaining starts in earnest in Geneva.

While in Europe Bush will be warned that in two of the five countries due to accept Cruise missiles at the end of the year there is still a big question mark over their readiness to go ahead on time. The center right governments in both Belgium and Holland back the NATO decision to deploy the missiles and have indicated they will start to prepare the missile sites, but they want to delay the final decision until they know much more about the outcome of the Geneva negotiations.

In practice, therefore, fewer of the Cruise missiles may be in place by the end of the year than originally planned — even if the U.S. manages to deliver them on time despite recent research difficulties. On the other hand, concern in West Germany is focused on the rapid and highly accurate Pershing II missile much more than the slower moving, and radar Cruise — partly because its introduction might lead to the Soviet Union "computerizing" its response to any perceived threat.

A major subject of conversation Bush will have in Europe is the propaganda battle being prepared against the disarmament movement. Ironically some European strategists believe they should emphasize NATO's interest in seeing a "strong and secure" Warsaw Pact alliance in the interests of "predictability in decision making and therefore in the interest of security."

The Soviet government now looks on the West European anti nuclear movement with almost as much hostility as NATO and pro-Soviet "peace groups" have threatened to boycott a conference called for Berlin next May to coordinate opposition to missile deployment, partly because of the Western protest movement's links with East European dissidents and unofficial peace organizations.

While in Brussels, Bush will not only discuss with NATO chiefs and the Belgian government but also with the EEC Commission. This further illustrates the top priority being given by both the European Community and the U.S. administration to the defusing of the trade war frictions which have increased in the past year.

Senior commission officials have flown to Washington to continue negotiations on the most serious of these, the row over EEC farm export subsidies. The U.S. wants major changes in the Common Market policy of dumping surplus food on world markets and has threatened to take retaliatory action by subsidizing U.S. exports.

There seems little chance of any early agreement on the farm row although both sides have said they want some agreement by the end of March. The EEC Commission emphasizes that it is trying to reduce the disruption caused by export subsidies by proposing very low agricultural price increases this year in the Common Market.

Underworld financial genius dead

MIAMI BEACH, Jan. 15 (AP) — Neyer Lansky, 181, the reputed financial genius of the underworld, died Saturday, according to officials at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The Russian-born Lansky had been admitted to the Miami Beach Hospital Dec. 31, suffering from dehydration, according to spokeswoman Joyce Clark. His physician, Dr. Howard Grumer, has refused to release any information about the condition of his patient, who had been hospitalized about seven weeks ago for tests. Lansky died early Saturday morning of cancer, said hospital spokesman Judy Stanton.

Lansky was born Maier Suchowijansky in the Soviet Union and said, somewhat proudly on occasion, that his birthdate was the July 4, 1901. The date was difficult to verify given the nature of statistics registry in the Soviet Union at the turn of the century and the tendency of immigration inspectors at Ellis Island, where he landed in 1911, to assign arbitrary birthdates, and sometimes even names.

Lansky lived in a waterfront, high-rise condominium, the imperial house, in Miami Beach, with his second wife, Thelma, whom he called Teddy. His first marriage, which produced two sons, ended in a divorce. When 10-year-old Maier arrived with his parents at the immigration center a New York's Ellis Island, another member of the family was his brother, Jake, who for many years acted as Meyer's assistant in various enterprises.

The family was swallowed up in New York's east side, teeming with immigrants in the first two decades of the 20th century. But according to police and FBI records, the youth began to emerge from anonymity, at least as far as a criminal record was concerned. The new name, Meyer Lansky, appeared for the first time in 1918 with his first arrest.

Between that year and 1932, Lansky was arrested eight times on various charges, including suspicion of attempted murder. But the records show only one conviction for that period.

The only other conviction later listed on Lansky's record is one for five counts of gambling conspiracy to which he pleaded guilty in Upper New York state in 1953 in an investigation of saratoga gambling. The record shows he was sentenced to three months and fined \$2,500.

In the 1920s, barely out of his teens, Meyer Lansky began his climb upward in the underworld, a climb that brought him considerable wealth, indicated not only by the properties he acquired in the U.S. and Cuba including gambling dens and hotels, but also his lifestyle.

He and Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel, who was mowed down in a gangland-style slaying in June 1947 in California, once headed a reputed gang of killers known as the "Bugs and Meyer Mob."

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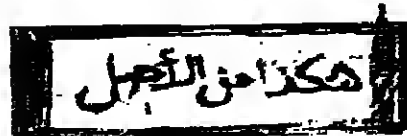
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New strides in fight against flu virus

HOUSTON — Doctors in medical clinics across America are confronting the winter influenza assault armed with more knowledge than ever about the behavior of influenza viruses which cause the disease commonly called flu (an acute, extremely contagious virus disease which can affect the victim's respiratory system and gastrointestinal tract and go on to cause further serious complications).

Three major types of influenza virus (A, B and C) have been plaguing humankind for years. Types B and C are far less threatening than influenza A, which has been known to sweep across the whole world, causing millions of cases of flu and many thousands of deaths. The 1918 flu epidemic killed millions throughout the world.

Initial response to the winter onslaught of

the disease is a program of widespread vaccinations against potentially serious infection throughout the United States. Other promising advances that have been made in medical research toward eventual elimination of flu include:

—The development of synthetic drugs that have been found effective in the prevention and treatment of epidemic-type flu;

—Laboratory progress toward developing a live-virus vaccine that it is hoped will provide longer-lasting immunity than present killed-flu virus vaccines now do;

—Continuing research that has uncovered much about the physical form and behavior of flu viruses that may lead to the solution of the puzzle of the viruses' ebb and flow through the human population.

Influenza viruses infect large numbers of people every year, but in unpredictable patterns in terms of how they will strike and what types of viruses will be involved. Doctors at the University College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, are conducting some of the most intensive continuing studies ever done into the factors involved in the flu's periodic invasions.

Research studies have now shown which flu viruses are most likely to cause next year's flu epidemic, which allows doctors to take adequate early vaccination preparations.

Scientists have also made particularly rapid progress in drawing chemical and genetic portraits of flu viruses. Doctors have found that the flu virus, especially influenza A, can change its identity abruptly so that immunity against one flu variety offers little or no protection against the other. This variability has been found to result from the unusual packaging of the genetic material inside each virus particle. There is even some evidence suggesting that human flu viruses may hide out in animals and birds and reinfect the human population at a later time.

Doctors at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York believe that the abrupt identity changes of the influenza virus might someday be used to develop strains of the disease whose infections would be harmless, like the live-virus vaccines used to fight other diseases. Such new virus strains might replace or change the more dangerous, unpredictable viruses that have always afflicted humankind. Ultimately, doctors believe, this type of strategy might eliminate flu entirely.

Mobile nursing clinic serves Philippines province

By Nathan Alcantara

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines (Deptnews) — You cannot teach development and health to the people unless and until their immediate ailments are attended to and cured.

Guided by this maxim, the Saint Louis University Mobile Nursing Clinic (SLU-MNC) is concentrating its attention on giving primary health care services to the people of Benguet, one of the mountain provinces in Northern Luzon some 240 kilometers from Manila.

Established in 1979 with a grant from Belgium, the clinic is an independent unit of the SLU nursing school. Mrs. Elisa O. Resurreccion, project director, admits that the clinic cannot boast of excellent medical care and diagnosis but insists it does not favor a dole-out scheme.

"Doctors give a medical diagnosis, an examination of a disease based on the physiology or the body structure of a person. We in the MNC give a nursing diagnosis," she says.

Mrs. Resurreccion explains that a nursing diagnosis deals with the question of why a person gets sick in the first place. "We explore the social, economic and cultural factors behind a disease, factors that when controlled can prevent the onset of a disease," she says.

The MNC is composed of three staff nurses and a medical technologist. The bulk of the work force, aside from the skeleton staff, are graduating nursing SLU students.

"We are using the project to encourage nursing students to serve the people," Mrs. Resurreccion says. She is trying to convince the young nurses to work in the countryside not only because they are needed most there but also because, next to the doctors, it is they who can give the best medical care.

Giving over-the-counter drugs is part of any primary health care programs. But far from merely providing health services as a dole-out, the community is made to share responsibilities through the *Botika sa Barangay* (barangay drugstore) program of the government. The people raise funds, for instance, to purchase the drugs and to support a barrio pharmacist.

Herbal medicine is also encouraged. Manuals on medicinal plants and preparation procedures have been distributed to most of the *barangays* (villages) that were serviced by the clinic. Members of the MNC staff even developed a cough syrup called SLK for *Salamagi, Laya ken Kalamanasi* (tamarind, ginger and calamansi, a local line variety). Communities visited lately were lectured on how to prepare the "SLK" syrup.

In the last three years the clinic has served 63 out of the 137 *barangays* of Benguet province. Four impoverished cultural minority communities in this city were also covered by the MNC during the same period. Some of these *barangays* have been revisited for second and third consultations.

A minimum of two clinics are held weekly. A report on their activities covering 1979 to 1981 showed that an average of 113 clinics were held in one year, covering some 8,893 patients. On a monthly basis, an average of 785 patients were attended to by ten MNC clinics.

Asked why they are limiting their services to Benguet, Mrs. Resurreccion says an extended area would also mean extending the services of the clinic. "If we were to widen our area, we would be spreading ourselves thinly."

The services of the MNC have received international attention. The latest came from International Development Research Center in Canada which gave a \$48,400 grant. The grant will fund MNC's research monitoring activities and determine the feasibility of bringing health care to poor families at the least cost.

The research team is headed by Dean Jesusa B. Lara of the SLU Nursing School. "If successful, the Mobile Nursing Clinic just might provide the blueprint for delivering primary health care services at the least cost for Third World countries," she says.

word watch

By Howard Dana Shaw

SNEAKY WORD: What should our attitude be toward slang or conversational words that are frowned upon by purists and English teachers? M.L. in Monterey brings up an interesting example she calls "particularly obnoxious" — *sneak* as past tense of *sneak*.

Theodore Bernstein, the late great word expert, admitted the word is in "fairly widespread use," but he voted against it.

All my dictionaries, with the exception of Funk & Wagnalls, show *sneak* as a variation of *sneaked*. But they call it colloquial, sub-standard, or regional dialect (what region they don't say).

I guess the moral is: Be careful, but don't be hidebound.

WORDS THAT GET RESULTS: Ever have the job of writing an ad or a selling letter of some kind that just HAS to produce results? Maybe you can borrow some ideas from the mail-order business where a continuous testing process builds a gold mine of information about words that motivate people.

Here are some of the words which, according to tests, possess magic power to influence people to read and act:

New, now, announcing, free, amazing, success, crazy, money, earn, easy, at last, mistakes, ruin, selfish, wanted, how to.

Next time you have to do a writing job where it's crucially important to ring the bell, try some of these words in the headline or opening sentence.

THOSE WILD PLURALS: If you are a perfectionist, some of the crazy Greek plurals are enough to give you fits. Example: Is *data* singular or plural? To be technically correct, the singular is *datum*, and *data* is plural.

For the plural of *memorandum*, you say *memorandums* (more common) or *memoranda*. Either is correct. But how about *datum*? It's a perfectly good word used in law and map-making for instance. And the plural *datums* is in the dictionary, but have you seen it lately?

No — the common plural of course is *data*. So must you say "the data are useful"? You could but you'd be more likely to treat *data* as singular. The American Heritage Dictionary says this:

"*Data* is now used both as a plural and as a singular collective...The singular is acceptable to 50 percent of our Usage Panel." (This *data* is inconclusive).

Other crazy forms are *agenda* and *media* — historically plural, but now often used as singular. *Agenda* means a list of things to be done, but is now used most often as an itemized program for a meeting.

Going back to *data*, you can pronounce it correctly in any of three ways — DAY-ta, DATT-a or DOT-a.

Less risk on operating table

By John F. Webb

LONDON (LPS) — Trials with a muscle relaxant drug have shown that it can overcome many of the problems and risks currently encountered in anesthesia.

The drug, known as atracurium, is the result of 12 years' collaborative research and development between Professor John Stenlake of Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland, and the Wellcome Foundation drug company of London.

Muscle-relaxing agents are essential to achieve effective anesthesia and safe surgery. Relaxing the muscles also allows easier access to many operative sites. It is only 40 years since purified curare extract was first used to produce complete though only temporary muscle relaxation in patients under a typical light general anesthetic.

Since then there have been other muscle relaxants that were either developments of curare or laboratory compounds.

By contrast, atracurium is not derived from curare. It was one of four series of compounds that were chosen for chemical research by Stenlake. These were later screened by a Wellcome team and it was found that atracurium besylate — it is a benzencsulphonate salt — was the most promising.

Wellcome says the important aspect of Stenlake's work is his modification of atracurium's self-destructing mechanism so that it occurs naturally at normal body temperature and under normal blood conditions.

Approval for the first clinical trials was given in 1978 and these were carried out at St. Peter's Hospital in London. Results in 12 patients were described by Wellcome as "exciting" and corroborated those obtained in the laboratory.

Already 2,000 patients have been given atracurium during the past four years in Anglo-U.S. trials. During surgery it was found that atracurium breaks down naturally into inactive and non-toxic compounds over a predictable period — usually about 20 minutes. Because of its fast inactivation, some patients will be able to recover from it spontaneously instead of having to have another injection to reverse it.

Atracurium does not build up in the body as a result of successive doses.

The new drug's use in caesarean operations has also been promising because it does not affect the baby's respiration or nerve and muscle function. Present muscle relaxants can affect the fetus.

NAUSEA, CRAMPS & DIARRHEA

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

MEDICAL LETTERS (Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I have had recurrent nausea, cramps and diarrhea for the past year and a half. I am 39 and otherwise healthy. My doctor has prescribed medicines to relax me. He says the trouble is probably due to nerves. But I do not consider myself a nervous person. I'm calm, relaxed. My marriage is a happy one and our three children give us no problems. I asked the doctor, "How about X-rays?" He said it would be a waste of money. He has seen hundreds of patients like me, he says, and tests all came back negative. Nervous indigestion he calls it. My question is this: would there be any harm in my having X-rays or other tests? It seems silly to go along with these symptoms without at least taking X-rays. — Mrs. J.

Dear Mrs. J.: I'll make two suggestions. The first is that you try a simple test. Are you a milk drinker? Perhaps you are deficient in the enzyme called lactase. If this is so, inability to properly digest lactose (milk sugar) may be the reason for your intestinal upsets. Exclude milk from your diet and hope this is the answer to your problem.

The second suggestion: Ask for consultation or try another doctor who will be willing to order X-ray studies and sigmoidoscope examination your lower bowel. It's important to know that you do or don't have something like hiatal hernia, stomach or duodenal ulcer, gall bladder trouble, chronic pancreatitis, ulcerative colitis, etc. Not until organic disease is ruled out is the diagnosis of "nervous indigestion" tenable. However, as I said, I hope the cause is a simple one: inability to properly digest milk.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My nephew was recently diagnosed as having "Crohn's disease." I am a registered nurse. I have looked in my medical books, journals and have inquired of other medical persons for information. No one seems to know about this disease. Can you set me straight? Thank you. — Mrs. S.

Dear Mrs. S.: You have been asking the wrong persons. Why not ask the doctors in the hospital where you work? It's likely that the condition is "Crohn's disease," also known as regional ileitis. This is an inflammatory disease which involves the small intestine. If not improved by conservative medical treatment, surgery is required. Otherwise, intestinal flareups will continue.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: In one column, you mentioned the case of a man who always gets upset after eating out. My husband has a similar problem. His stomach gets upset if he isn't careful. After many years, we hit on the presence of monosodium glutamate added to foods to enhance flavor. He got upset invariably whenever he used it. Since its deletion from his diet, he has no longer suffered the terrible stomach discomforts after eating. I have a friend whose husband has also profited by eliminating this additive. — Mrs. P. (Tomorrow: Sexually transmitted diseases)

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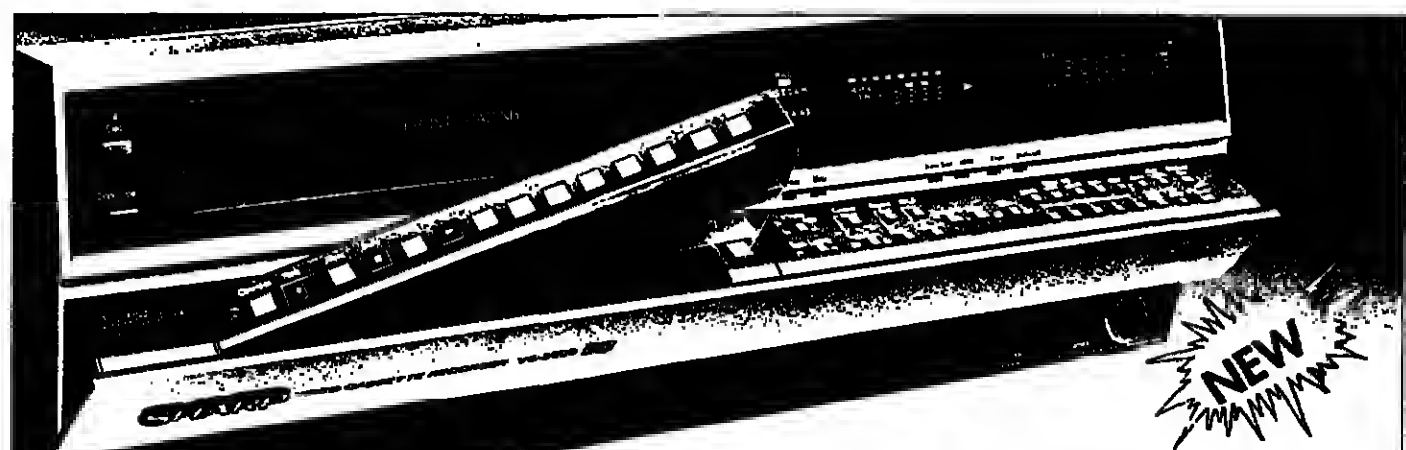
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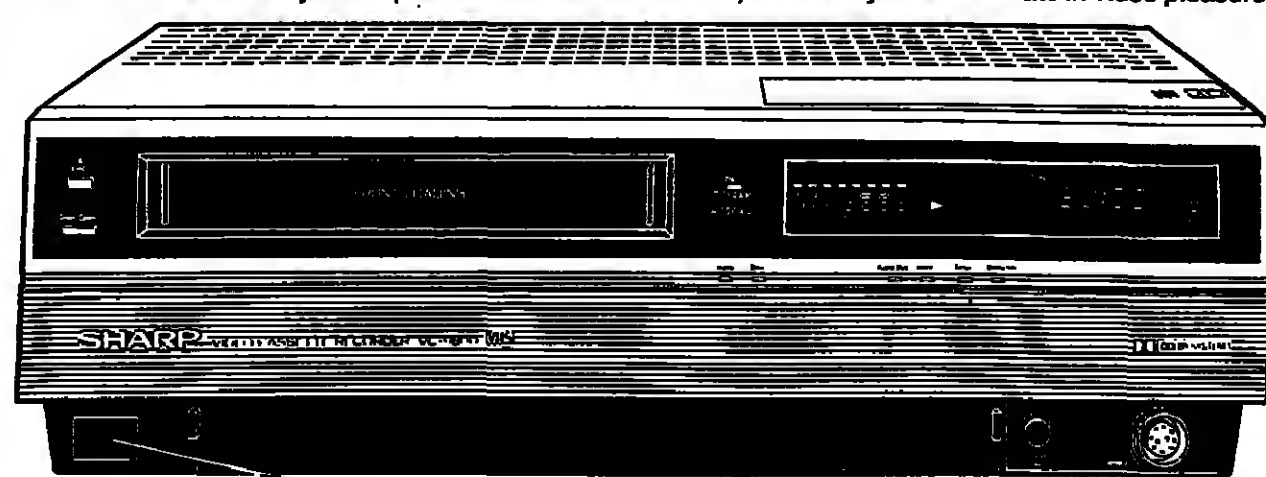


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LOOKING FOR EXCUSES

With Lebanon and Israel agreeing on an agenda for the current talks regarding the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon, it would not be too surprising if Israel undertakes a new military adventure to sabotage the negotiations.

Israel is in control of much of Lebanon and has troops stationed on many strategic heights and positions which bring even Damascus within artillery range. At the same time, it has forcibly opened the borders with Lebanon and inundated the country with its own goods and products which had been banned before the invasion of last year.

Unless it is certain of getting everything it wants in the country through the talks, Israel is bound to block any attempt at a peaceful settlement and the restoration of full Lebanese sovereignty. It is already thinking loudly of launching a large-scale attack deep into Syria on the pretext of knocking out the new Soviet-supplied Sam-5 missiles that Syria has recently erected after the debacle of last year when its older missiles were destroyed easily by U.S.-supplied aircraft. The new generation of missiles is said to be more effective as it can also hit aircraft while still flying inside Israel on the way to them.

So Israel wants to experiment with some of the latest anti-missile American techniques to destroy them. Then the Soviet Union will give Syria more advanced anti-aircraft systems to try on U.S.-made aircraft and so on. But the more pressing motivation for an attack is Israel's desire to perpetuate its military, economic and political presence in Lebanon which is only a bomb throw away from Damascus. It may be said that such an attack is either unlikely or far-fetched in view of the American participation in the current talks as an active partner or honest broker wishing to bring about a peaceful solution in the area.

It may be so. But if the Americans want such possibilities to remain far-fetched, they should not supply Israel with the means to consider such military adventures on this scale.

Saudi Arabian press review

Okaz said Saturday that the diplomatic offensive launched by an Arab League delegation had produced good and positive results for Arab causes, especially the Palestine cause.

Referring to the delegation's visits to Washington, Paris, Moscow and Peking, it said "Arab unanimity and collective action in the framework of the Arab solidarity will help in achieving a just and durable solution to the Palestine question in accordance with the seven-point Pan-Arab peace plan adopted by the Fcz summit held in September last."

The delegation was entrusted by the summit to initiate contacts with permanent members of the U.N. Security Council on the Arab plan to resolve the Middle East conflict.

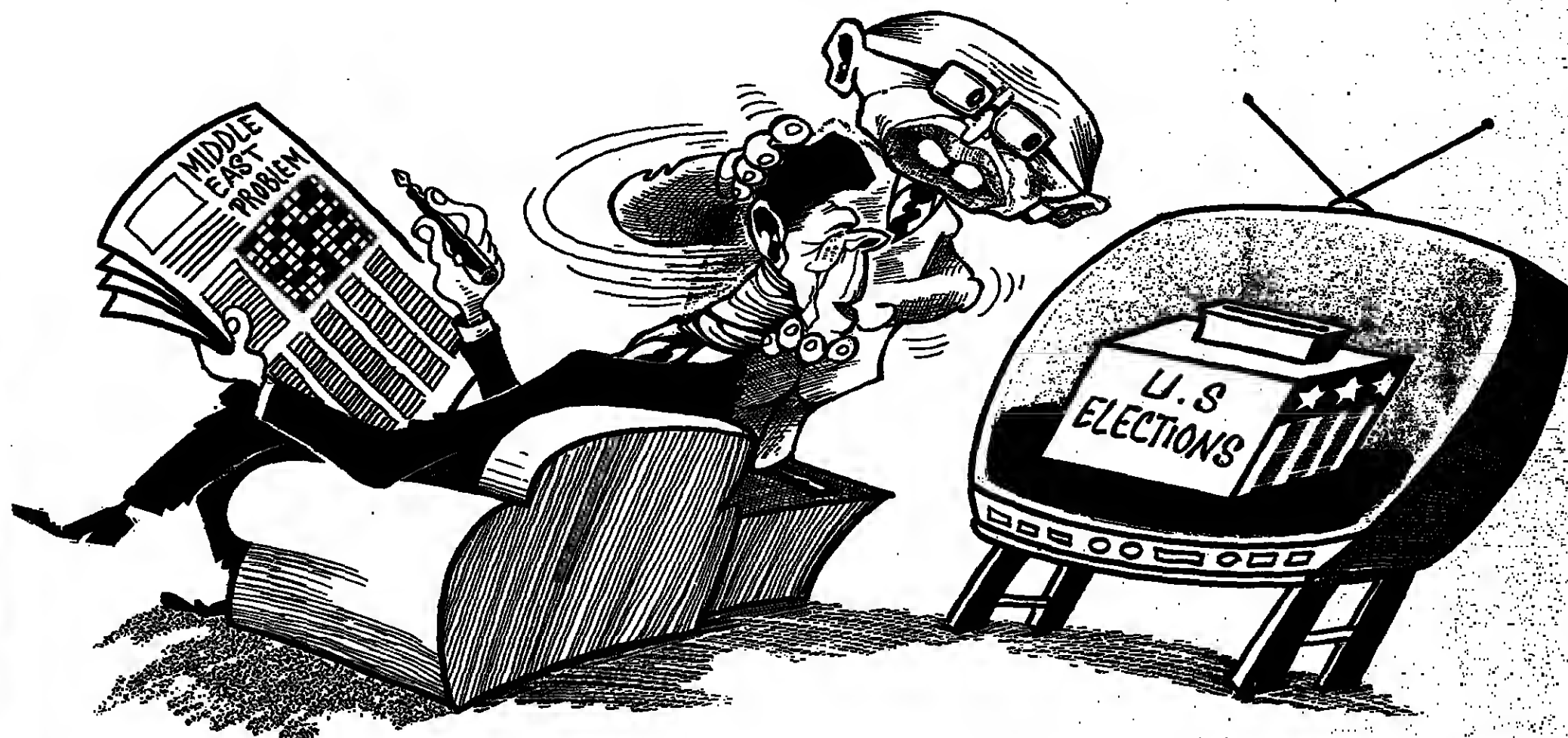
The paper also highlighted the importance of Saturday's GCC oil ministers conference in Manama and said the ministers shouldered a big responsibility in the face of the uncertain international market for both the producers and

consumers. The decisions of the GCC oil ministers would have direct and close connection with OPEC, the paper added.

The paper said there was no contradiction in the policies of the council and OPEC in view of the fact that the six-nation council accounted for half of OPEC's total oil exports. "As such, relations between the two organizations are interdependent but the two bodies are affected by any negative results faced by each other," the paper added.

Al-Madinah accused Zionist sources and their allies of seeking to cause a rift between the council and OPEC and said such "vicious attempts" were doomed to failure. The paper said the Gulf ministers would not take an independent decision on oil prices without the approval of OPEC member states.

"If the ministers consider a cut in oil price will help solve the oil crisis, they will submit their views to OPEC for a unanimous decision, the paper added. (SPA)



Surinam's Cuban connections worry America

By Stephen Baker

LOS ANGELES — When the leftist military leaders of a small south American country pulled off a Jaruzelski-style coup early in December, 1982, only the most careful newspaper readers in the United States found out. The crackdown in Surinam was, in fact, bloodier than the Polish model. After burning down newspaper offices and union headquarters, government forces rounded up and then executed 24 to 40 labor leaders, students, politicians and journalists. The leader of the purge, accusing "vulgar intellectuals" of plotting a coup, said he was considering inviting Soviet and Cuban peacekeeping troops to the country.

Surinam, a Wisconsin-sized chunk of South America, lies between Brazil and the Caribbean. The country of 400,000, which gained independence from the Netherlands in 1975, is an anomaly — a Dutch-speaking outpost on a continent of Latins. The harsh rulers of Surinam, led by 34-year-old Lt. Gen. Desiré Bouterse, also defy definition. State Department Caribbean experts have yet to offer an explanation for Bouterse's imposition of martial law on Dec. 8. Meeting behind closed doors

for three days, State Department officers no doubt were trying to determine whether Bouterse and his mates were simply power-hungry thugs defending their rule or Communist revolutionaries patterning Surinam after the Cuban design.

Since overthrowing Surinam's democratic government in February 1980, Bouterse has worked to establish good relations with Cuba, Nicaragua and the tiny Marxist island nation of Grenada. At the same time, he continued to solicit funds from an enormous \$1.4 billion multiyear Dutch aid program, even stuffing civilians into his government to placate the democratic-minded Dutch. He also maintained cordial relations with the United States and cooperated with the American multinational corporations that mine Surinam's rich bauxite deposits. Until this month, he seemed to compensate for his neo-colonial economic policies with anti-colonial rhetoric and revolutionary gestures.

Now that Bouterse has wiped out opposition leaders and eliminated any lingering hopes for pluralism, some Surinamese journalists in exile predict that he will seize the moment to move into the Cuban orbit. As evidence, they cite rumors that 500 Cuban advisers are based in Surinam's capital, Paramaribo. That may be an exaggeration, but the

thesis of Communist influence fits neatly into President Reagan's Latin American outlook. Also, it comes at a convenient time. Citing a foreign-sponsored Communist threat, the Reagan administration has called for unprecedented military aid for embattled anti-Communist regimes in Central America. If State Department officials, defending the military aid before Congress, can point to a red Surinam on the map, dollars should flow more freely to El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica.

Evidence suggests, however, that Bouterse's Surinam is no domino. While dominoes are by definition nearly identical, Surinam shares little, economically and culturally, with its turbulent neighbors in the region. Surinam's relatively prosperous citizens, who were Dutch until seven years ago, have never lived under a Batista or a Somoza. The middle class is large, the literacy rate high. A Dutch version of Radio Vozcerentos probably would not attract many listeners.

In seven years of independence, governments in Surinam, including Bouterse's, have done little to alter the backbone of the economy: Dutch aid and multinational bauxite mining. Earlier this year, protests and strikes broke out when Bouterse began to

toy with the status quo by lowering wage scales, vetoing Dutch development-project proposals and warming relations with East Bloc countries. In November, when Grenada's left-wing prime minister, Maurice Bishop, arrived for a visit to Paramaribo, workers staged a three-day general strike and called for democracy. Though Bouterse promised eventual elections and a new constitution, anti-government protests continued. On Dec. 8, the government lashed back violently.

The Dutch immediately suspended all foreign aid, and a week later the United States cut a \$1.5 million aid program for 1982-83. Bouterse, isolated and in financial trouble, may well look to Communist countries for help. But will they respond?

A Cuban move to support Bouterse's shaky dictatorship would not make much sense, economically or politically. Even if Cuba wished to invest in Bouterse's regime and had money to do so, such a move clearly would stiffen Washington's resolve in Central America and make the revolutions that Fidel Castro really cares about more difficult to win.

On the other hand, for those in Washington who would like to escalate the battle in Central America, Cuban involvement in Surinam would be an unexpected bonus. (LAT)

Genscher begins campaign to woo voters

By Paul Taylor

COLOGNE — As the blue and yellow campaign train carrying West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher pulled into Cologne station, a jazz band struck up "Oh when the saints go marching in."

But a platform sign gave what was perhaps a more apt commentary on the election prospects of Genscher's ruling Free Democratic Party (FDP): "Do not climb aboard, this train terminates here." The small Liberal Party, badly battered by its change of coalition partners in Bonn last year, was first off the starting blocks when campaigning for the March 6 general election began this week. "We have the most ground to catch up," said FDP General Secretary Irmgard Adam-Schwartz. "This is undoubtedly the most difficult campaign in our history."

Opinion polls show that if the election were held now, the FDP liberals would be cast out of parliament with little more than three percent of the vote. That grim prospect was etched into Genscher's furrowed brow as he tried out his standard campaign speech for the first time here.

The foreign minister knows that this time he and the Free Democrats are fighting for political survival. The most remarkable thing about Genscher's speech was what he did not say. There was not a word about his switch from a coalition with former Social Democratic (SPD) Chancellor Helmut

Schmidt to a government pact with Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) last autumn.

Accused by the Social Democrats of treachery, the shift deeply split the Liberals. Four deputies and more than 10,000 members quit the FDP and it left to a series of humiliating defeats in regional elections. Genscher is haunted by the treachery charge. As he entered the hall, he was flanked by a group of persons shouting "traitor."

Inside the welcome was warmer. About 300 mainly elderly people listened in polite silence to his call for the families of West Germany's immigrant "guest workers" to be treated fairly, but they erupted into stormy applause when he defended the new government's decision to make students repay their grants once they begin to earn a living.

Genscher reminded his audience, as he spoke about East-West disarmament talks and the European Community, that he was the West's longest serving foreign minister. But he struck the most receptive chord when he recalled the political instability of the post-World War I Weimar Republic that helped Hitler to power 50 years ago this month. "This must never happen again," he said, in what sounded like a subliminal appeal to save the FDP as West Germany's political stabilizer.

As the "action train" headed off on the next stage of a whistle-stop tour of 27 cities in eight days, Liberal politicians in the dining car compared experiences of their first grey morning's campaign-

ing. Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff had visited a training center for craftsmen where the local guild president had personally ripped down a sign saying "no cuts in the social system" hoisted by one of the apprentices. Other campaigners refuse to be daunted by the widespread indifference apparently aroused by their activities.

Next stop Koblenz. Former Interior Minister Gerhart Baum, the only prominent opponent of the coalition switch still in the FDP leadership, had his third thankless task of the day. After viewing environmental damage in Aachen and visiting a center for drug addicts in Cologne, he had a date with Koblenz officials to discuss sewage recycling. Every vote counts.

Meanwhile, former Federal President Walter Scheel, who is honorary president of the FDP, was telling a group of Liberal women why West Germany needed the FDP as a stabilizing third party. "In England, the Labor Party takes power and nationalizes everything. Then the Conservatives get back in and re-privatizes everything, and so it goes on. We Liberals have prevented these major swings in Germany by allowing a new majority to be formed without politics being turned upside down," he said.

The radical ecologist Greens, who have replaced the FDP as third party in several regional assemblies, were neither willing nor able to perform this function, he said.

Other prominent liberals scattered to meetings

with groups identified by opinion researchers as the FDP's most promising electorate — small businessmen, accountants, lawyers, doctors and dentists — in short the self-employed and "upwardly mobile," as they are known in sociological jargon.

A random survey suggested the same groups made up most of the 250-strong audience which listened to count Lambsdorff at a plush hotel in Wiesbaden, the train's last stop of the day. "What are you doing for the middle classes," one minor manufacturer asked the minister. His reply listed tax breaks, lower interest rates and measures to reduce bureaucracy.

Although the audience seemed largely friendly to the FDP, there were peals of laughter and cries of "wait and see" when Count Lambsdorff said he was absolutely confident the party would gain reelection to parliament in March.

Meanwhile, in another Wiesbaden hotel, Genscher was speaking to local journalists. One asked how he saw his own future if the FDP failed in the March poll. "The question does not arise," he replied. (R)

Letters to the editor

A bold step

Sir,

The decision of the Saudi Arabian government not to receive a British delegation led by Foreign Secretary Pym, which was on a proposed tour of the Gulf states, is indeed a bold step taken toward smashing British arrogance. This will make them aware that the Arabs too have their reserved rights to choose their own of official guests and they have the liberty to reject whomsoever they feel unqualified to set foot on their own land.

The British government's arrogant attitude and refusal to receive an Arab delegation that included members of the PLO should not be allowed to pass as a joke. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's references to the PLO as a terrorist group is undoubtedly an insult to the entire Arab nation. Her unethical references came in the wake of sound moves for peaceful negotiations to settle the Arab-Israeli disputes across the table than in the battlefield. Margaret Thatcher as the head of the British government has a moral duty to seek a peaceful solution to the Palestinian issue.

The memories of the Arabs or the peace-loving people living all over the world are not too short to forget the rapacious Balfour Declaration of 1948, founded soon after World War II to create the Zionist state of Israel by the scheming British dip-

lomacy, in the heart of the Arab states. The treacherous acts of the Zionists aided by the British supremacy are by far the ugliest in world history — the Zionist British terrorism that rendered over 7 million Palestinian Arabs homeless. The mass killing of innocent women and children by the weapons manufactured in Britain has already gone down as another ugly chapter in human history.

To condemn the PLO as a terrorist group when they fight to regain their plundered homeland is clearly a subtle move by Britain to destroy any future peace moves in West Asia. Margaret Thatcher should have been unbiased to outlaw Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin as a terrorist when Begin's forces raided the atomic energy research center in Iraq last year and for the inhuman torture and killing of thousands of innocent Palestinian refugees in their camps in Lebanon recently. Yet, Begin was given a red carpet welcome when he visited Britain recently.

For over several decades, the Arabs have been the sole target of exploitation and suppression by the British imperialists. Yet the Arab people are so kind and well-mannered to take the British into their confidence.

Of course, Saudi Arabia's resolute step is seemingly encouraging and possibly can infuse new blood into the veins of the Arab states to encounter the arrogant challenge of the British unitedly. No

matter whatever the technical expertise they may possess, the Arab states should join Saudi Arabia to resist the British machinations.

A Sympathiser,
Yanbu.

TV, Radio Programs

Sir,

I am an avid reader of Arab News since I joined the numerous expatriates in the Kingdom. It is indeed good that Ibal pointed out some sensitive matters in his letter which appeared in the Arab News on Jan. 3. It is evidently a good suggestion to introduce some more Urdu and English Programs on TV for the benefit of the expatriates on a regular basis. Also a few light entertainment programs and feature films can be introduced on the TV and the Radio in the Indian Languages of Tamil and Malayalam, as a sizeable proportion of the immigrants from India are from Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Secondly, the delay in receiving letters from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh etc. seems to be affecting the workers who are eager to receive news from their dear and near ones. It will be worthwhile to take necessary action to speed up the distribution of mail.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 1983. There are 349 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1547 — Ivan the Terrible is crowned Czar of Russia in Moscow.

1646 Courtrai, Belgium, falls to French Army.

1756 — Britain and Prussia sign Treaty of Westminster.

1778 — France recognizes U.S. independence.

1917 — Greece accepts allies' ultimatum to withdraw forces from Thessaly.

1947 — Vincent Auriol is elected president of France.

1953 — Political parties are dissolved in Greece.

1964 — Thirteen Arab states, meeting in Cairo, agree to set up military command to strengthen Arab position on problems related to Israel.

1968 — In an economy drive, Britain ends its 150-year military rule in Far East, cancels order for U.S. bombers and cuts social services at home.

1974 — Rioting breaks out in Indonesia, protesting visit by Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka.

1978 — Italy's Christian Democratic minority government resigns under increasing pressure from Communists and others for role in cabinet.

1982 — At an economic conference in Miami, Japan and the Western trading powers agree to refrain from unilateral action to curb imports from other countries.

Thought for today:

Not life, but a good life is to be chiefly valued.

Socrates, Greek philosopher (about 470 B.C.-399 B.C.)

Margaret Thatcher dubbed 'the best man of England'

By Robert Glass

LONDON (AP) — Trooping through minefields. Firing a 105mm cannon after fusing with her hair. Shedding tears on the deck of a British warship. It was all vintage Margaret Thatcher.



British Premier Margaret Thatcher

Brushing aside the misgivings of her foreign office, the British prime minister swept into the Falkland Islands for what she called a "personal pilgrimage" to the scene of her country's "famous victory" over Argentina.

The surprise five-day tour enraged Argentina and British opposition politicians said it was an attempt to divert attention from the upcoming release of an investigation into the government's handling of the crisis.

But the 1,800 British-descended residents of the Falklands gave her a reception fit for a conquering hero. And U.S. President Ronald Reagan, in frank admiration, called her "the best man in England."

As it did during last year's 74-day war with Argentina, the British press stood almost united behind Mrs. Thatcher.

Columnist Jean Rook of the conservative *Daily Express* gushed: "Margaret Thatcher is now awesome. No longer just a national figure. She's inexorably turning into a bronze monument of herself."

He went on to compare the prime minister with such noted women from Britain's past as Elizabeth I, Florence Nightingale, Emily Brontë and the fierce Queen Boadicea, who led a revolt against the Romans. Even the liberal *Guardian*, a frequent Thatcher critic, allowed that the visit was "on the whole, good."

In Buenos Aires, Foreign Minister Juan Aguirre Lanari said visiting the Falklands seven months after Argentina's garrison on

the islands surrendered "demonstrated a persistent will to humiliate my country."

The official Soviet news agency Tass said it was "fresh testimony" of Britain's intention to transform the Falklands into a major military base in the South Atlantic. China's leading newspaper accused the prime minister of "deliberate provocation."

But Mrs. Thatcher said she was determined to visit the 4,000-strong British garrison on the Falklands to "pay tribute to those who had liberated the islands" and to talk with the islanders themselves.

Stepping off the plane at Stanley Airport after the 23-hour, 8,000-mile journey from London, she said: "It would be very strange if I didn't come to the Falklands, very strange indeed."

Because of fears of an Argentine retaliatory attack, there was no advance word of Mrs. Thatcher's trip and the islanders were visibly surprised when she appeared in their midst Jan. 8. They poured from their houses as she made her way through the capital to government house.

When the motorcade stopped briefly, about 70 persons gathered around to cheer and wave. Some wept openly as Mrs. Thatcher and her husband, Denis, stepped out to shake hands. During her five days on the Falklands, Mrs. Thatcher spoke individually to at least half the islanders, according to aides.

She assured them Britain was prepared to defend the islands "for a long, long time" and would continue to deflect Argentina's claims of sovereignty.

Whether addressing troops at Moody Brook barracks, sailors aboard the destroyer *HMS Antrim*, or islanders in the Stanley Town Hall, Mrs. Thatcher's speeches bristled with patriotism.

In accepting the islanders' first Freedom of the Falklands Award, she managed to use the word "British" six times in one sentence. Recalling her own words in the House of Commons, she said her aim had been to "restore British sovereignty and British administration to the people of British stock, who were British, loyal British, and wished to remain British in the queen's islands."

When soldiers at Fitzroy invited her to shoot a 105mm artillery piece, she at first put ear muffs on upside down to keep from missing her hair. She then put them right, fired the gun, and said: "Well and truly fired."

She told the crew of the *Antrim* to remain ever vigilant against Argentine attack, and then wept when they gave her a replica of their ship.

She laid a wreath of red and white carnations and blue hyacinths on British war graves at San Carlos. Standing in a steady drizzle, she then bowed to the war dead, an evocative moment watched by millions back home on TV news.

"She is a great inspirer of soldiers, sailors and airmen," said Maj. Gen. David Horne, the islands' military commissioner. "She talks straight, and gives us clear orders, and that we like."

At breakfast time

British TV networks promise a ratings battle

By Leslie Dowd

LONDON (R) — Breakfast-time television, long established in the United States, arrives in Britain on Monday and promises a lively ratings battle between rival networks.

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) will be the first in Europe to launch a morning program of news and comments and its commercial television rival will follow with its own show on Feb. 1.

Britons are among the world's keenest viewers, with family life heavily influenced by "The Box" and indications are that initial audience could be as high as five million, only about a tenth of Britain's 46 million viewers.

At 6:30 Monday, as Britons clamber out of bed to face another working week, the face of amiable veteran presenter Frank Bough will launch the BBC's show, called "Breakfast Time."

The rival show starting on Feb. 1 will begin half an hour earlier at 6 o'clock. Leading the host roster of local big names is international television celebrity David Frost, possibly even better known in the United States than he is in his native Britain.

A ratings battle is guaranteed as TV-AM, the specially formed company, fights for profits on the franchise it won to operate breakfast television, as it has come to be called in Britain, on a commercial basis.

TV-AM has a budget of 16.5 million pounds (\$26 million) a year or 14,000 sterling (\$22,000) an hour and is aiming for an audience of three million.

"We're confident we'll get it," said a spokesman at the futuristic high-technology studios TV-AM has built in London's trendy but rundown Camden town district.

"We all see breakfast television as a gamble, an experiment and a challenge," David Frost, a major TV-AM shareholder, said two years ago when it won the franchise.

"It is the only frontier left in British television."

The BBC breakfast time show will budget only 3,000 sterling (\$4,740) an hour, barely a quarter of TV-AM's but has the backing of the BBC's huge world news network.

BBC television does not carry commercials and is financed out of the 46 sterling (\$73) license fee charged to all households with color television receivers. Managing Director Aubrey Siewer insisted the BBC show was not on trial but "... will run as long as the BBC exists."

Breakfast television got off to a slow start in the United States in the 1950s but has long

been a major showcase for politicians, businessmen and others eager to reach the public.

Despite expressing of confidence, the industry knows it could face an uphill battle to win acceptance for breakfast television but is confident of success.

The Japanese have had it for two years and received it "phenomenally well," according to a TV-AM spokesman who noted about 37 percent of viewers watch it there. In Australia it is also doing well.

Italian Television starts transmissions at 8 a.m. But it is not regarded by British television executives as being true breakfast television as it is based on quizzes, opera and similar non-news items.

TV-AM has a serious immediate problem, however. It will open without any revenue at all unless a dispute between actors and advertising agencies over fees for work in commercials shown on breakfast television is settled soon. TV-AM is not directly involved in the complicated dispute but it will not be able to carry revenue-earning commercials until it is solved.

Both the BBC and Independent Television have opted for a relaxed approach characterized by BBC "Breakfast Time" editor Ron Neil as "informative but informal."

The BBC plans to mix news and guest comment with reports from resident experts on such topics as cooking, gardening, keep-fit and even astrology. A clock will grace a corner of the screen for time checks.

"I'll be getting up at three o'clock in the morning — or trying to," confided Selina Scott, who will join Frank Bough in hosting the show at an annual salary of 40,000 sterling (\$63,000), according to published reports.

TV-AM has an even more impressive line-up of personalities who are household names in Britain. Apart from Frost it has the country's leading chat show host Michael Parkinson and news presenters Anna Ford and Angela Rippon.

TV-AM plans to open with an hour of news to be followed at seven o'clock with a show called "Good Morning Britain." It will aim for a relaxed atmosphere with guests dropping in to chat rather than staging set-piece interviews.

TV-AM's chairman is Peter Jay, son-in-law of former Prime Minister James Callaghan and British Ambassador in Washington until 1979.



GREEN AND FRESH: The first thing that strikes a visitor to Hada Al-Sham is the spring's touch and the color of leaves and flowers all around. Right: A pipe pumping water from a well to a small pond which irrigates nearby farmland.

The vignettes of Hada Al-Sham

A massive urban landscaping program has been launched in Saudi Arabia along with the green revolution that is helping desert areas bloom. And the results are there for all to see giving you the feel of nature which the walled gardens of the Arabian peninsula used to provide to the thirsty eyes of the desert traveler in ancient times.

What is being attempted is not ornamentation or decoration in a vacuum. It would be more correct to describe it as an effort to give a touch of poetry to the architectural layouts.

Growing trees in harsh climate is nothing less than an act of miracle. Planting them in the Makkah-Jeddah highway was one of the earliest battles fought and won in this continuing war. But happily there were many regions or patches of land in and around this stretch which were already rich in green or quite willing to become one without much coaxing. Hada Al-Sham falls in the first category.

Endowed with many natural springs, this small town (present population: 4,000) lying between Jeddah and Makkah has always been known for its cool and pleasant climate. The town also maintains its tradition of sheep breeding.

Like everything else in Saudi Arabia, Hada Al-Sham is fast changing under the impact of sweeping economic developments. But the town still retains its wonderfully thawing warmth and its dream-like quality. The atmosphere remains serene and calm. People continue to be possessive of their old simplicity. These are the impressions with which our photographer Muhammad Ibrahim returned from a recent visit to Hada Al-Sham and, of course, with some vignettes of the beautiful area too.



YOUNG SHEPHERDS: The people of Hada Al-Sham have always engaged in sheep breeding, a love they pass on to the next generation. Below: People wash their hands after meal at the running water coming from a natural spring.



Momentum lost at Cancun

N-S dialogue hopes fade--Trudeau

MANILA, Jan. 15 (AFP) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said here Saturday prospects for global negotiations between the industrialized "North" and the developing "South" are "dead," authoritative sources reported.

Trudeau on his second day of a state visit as part of a two-week swing through Asia, was speaking at a private meeting with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, the sources at the presidential palace added.

"The momentum was lost" in the October's North-South summit meeting in Cancun, Mexico, which he attended with Marcos and 20 other national and world leaders, he said.

Trudeau described U.S. President Ronald Reagan's reliance in the private sector's ability to remedy the North-South economic disparity as "simplistic," sources said.

He also cited the current economic crisis in

the North as an important factor for the possibility of global negotiations that would lead to a new international economic order.

On the other hand, Trudeau criticized some members of the Third World's "Group of 77" nations as unwilling to talk seriously with the industrial countries because they found it "easier to criticize" than sit down for discussions, the sources reported.

Trudeau said that Canada plans to further develop its economic relations with Asian and Pacific countries. "This is the most promising area in the world for economic development, and we want to be part of it," Trudeau said.

Marcos talks with Trudeau covered a number of international security and economic issues. They also covered possible Canadian financing for several Philippine projects, including construction of a more than 100 km (60 mile) railroad linking coal

ports south of Manila with the city's cement and power-generating plants.

Other projects are the construction of a 100 megawatt coal-burning power plant in the southern island of Mindanao, conversion of a large suburban power plant to a coal-fuelled plant, and the building of several dendrothermal (wood-burning) power plants, Marcos said.

The president described the Canadian financial offers as "attractive" but said that his government was constrained by limits on external borrowing. Trudeau had earlier said that Canada was interested in helping developing countries become self-sufficient in energy.

Trudeau is due to leave Sunday for a three-day visit to Japan, Canada's second most important trade partner after the United States.

Malaysian gas industry's prospects plunge

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 15 (R) — A tanker will leave for Japan in a few weeks carrying Malaysia's first exports from a huge liquefied natural gas (LNG) project, but the future for the LNG industry is uncertain because of falling world demand.

More than \$2 billion have been invested in the Bintulu LNG plant in the east Malaysian state of Sarawak — making it the country's largest industrial project — since gas was discovered off the Sarawak coast in the early 1970s.

But since the project was launched, the

prospects for the industry have changed as international production has outstripped demand, leading to a buyers' market.

Malaysia officials still see the project making a significant contribution to the country's exports and, according to government figures, sales should rise to \$1.5 billion in 1985.

Nevertheless, protracted pricing negotiations on a long-term contract with the two Tokyo companies to which Malaysia's LNG is committed for the next 20 years have highlighted the producers' apprehension. Japan

dominates the LNG trade, taking about 80 percent of world deliveries.

"That is a significant problem in itself but added to it is a drop in Japanese demand which has hit prices significantly," one industry analyst said.

The chairman of the state oil agency Petronas, Abdullah Salleh, said that the negotiations with Tokyo gas and Tokyo electric power were nearly concluded. Industry sources said they expected an agreement before the first shipment left, carrying 52,000 tons of LNG.

Petronas has said that if no price is agreed before the delivery date, each shipment will be priced individually until a long-term accord is reached.

But industry sources said the price would be very different from that envisaged when Malaysia embarked on its project. "LNG then seemed to be the golden boy of fuel. The future looked very bright. Now the circumstances are different. The market is very competitive," one top industry source said.

Petronas has a 65 percent stake in the LNG project — Royal Dutch/Shell and Japan's Mitsubishi both hold 17.5 percent. The newly built Port of Bintulu is near a gas field with a potential life of up to 40 years. The country is also developing even greater reserves off Trengganu on its east peninsular coast.

Petronas will use some of this gas for the domestic market in peninsular Malaysia as part of government strategy to cut its heavy dependence on oil. It may also supply Singapore.

Petronas hopes to export LNG to South Korea by 1985 but industry analysts said Malaysia, like other major LNG producers in Asia, would probably have difficulty in finding other buyers.

Soviets at last bow to realities

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (AP) — The ruling Soviet Politburo, in an effort to keep workers from slipping away from the job to shop and run errands, has ordered stores and service centers to change the hours they are open, state radio reported.

In issuing the order, the Politburo, under the leadership of Yuri V. Andropov, was tackling head-on one of the major reasons for slipping Soviet labor productivity.

"It has been noted that a large number of public services enterprises are open only when the working people are on the job and this is the reason many people can't shop and use public services," the radio said.

Thousands of man-hours are lost in the Soviet Union daily as workers slip away from offices and factories to do chores that can't be done before or after work because the shops are closed then.

The Soviet press has been conducting a major campaign on the subject, evidently preparing managers and employees of shops and service establishments for the changes which are upcoming.

The Soviet Union is a tradition-bound

society and changing shop hours will be a difficult adjustment. The report did not detail how shop hours would change, but said implementation of the order was up to the council of ministers.

Since taking over as Communist Party general secretary two months ago, Andropov has launched a campaign on worker discipline in an effort to boost productivity.

Soviet sources report raiding parties of local police and party functionaries visiting restaurants, barber shops and stores looking for workers who have ducked out of the office.

The report on the Politburo meeting is one of several that have been issued since Andropov took over. Previously, under the chairmanship of deceased President Leonid I. Brezhnev, the meetings were kept secret.

Other matters of business, the radio said, were reports on the recent visit of West German Social Democrat chancellor candidate, Hans-Jochen Vogel, and the December visit of Raul Castro, brother of the Cuban leader.



SCHOOLBOY ENGINEER: Andrew Glover, 18, a schoolboy from Yorkshire, north east England, holds the award presented to him for winning the title, "Young Engineer for Britain 1982" for the design and development of his modular play unit. The frame of galvanized steel tubes can be easily assembled into a variety of different shapes. Colorful PVC panels, wheels and two denim seats complete the set of parts for children to make up the design of their choice.

Hit by recession

Asian youths face job scarcity

BANGKOK, Jan. 15 (Depthnews) — Asian youths are finding it more difficult to land a job, necessitating serious government review of present policies before the problem gets out of hand.

The review has become mandatory due to the deepening world recession which dashes the hopes of the jobless youth of ever finding gainful employment.

A study commissioned by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) reports that the youth now constitute the bulk of the region's unemployed. The estimates range from 21.9 to 75.5 percent.

What makes it even more grim is that the percentage of "economically active youth" (those in the 15 to 24 age group) to total youth population is between 40 and 77. The study warns: "The statistics not only underscore the growing seriousness of youth unemployment; they also indicate the extent of the problem which Asia-Pacific countries must grapple within the remaining years of the present decade."

Economic underdevelopment in most nations is the main cause for the dearth of job opportunities for the youth. Other reasons cited are the limited resources and constraints bedeviling the region's governments

in their attempts to give their youth "a better break."

However, the ESCAP study indicates that there are five approaches which governments can take to solve the problem both in the short and long terms. The first is to encourage the youth to organize themselves and be made to participate in their decision-making process. The study notes that many governments in the region acknowledge importance of the youth to socio-economic development. An example is practice of ruling political parties to maintain youth and women wings.

Another approach is to recast socio-cultural values in areas where youth access to employment can be improved. While almost all governments have adopted non-discrimination policies on employment, in actual practice female youth continue to suffer inequality.

According to the study, young women are the "more seriously deprived since the percentage of unemployed female youth to total female unemployment for most countries is quite high." However, there is one encouraging trend noted by way of breaking down socio-cultural barriers to women employment. This is shown by the growing number of women joining the military and police forces.

Wall Street

Analysts rule out capital spending surge

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP) — As optimistic as they may be about the chances for a recovery in many other sectors of the economy, most Wall Street analysts see little prospect of an improvement in capital spending any time soon.

Spending on new plants, machinery and other goods used in production fell 4.8 percent after adjustment for inflation, in 1982.

This past week, the Commerce Department reported that businesses' plans call for a further 5.2 percent drop this year. "Capital spending continues to be in a phase of decline and could act as a drag on economic activity for at least several more quarters," said Thomas Siles, research director at E.F. Hutton and Co., in a recent market commentary.

President Ronald Reagan came to office speaking of stimulating spending on new, more productive capital facilities as a central goal of his economic policies. The tax law passed in 1981 contained several provisions designed to encourage that kind of investment.

But the desired results have not materialized, economists say, because of the combination of high interest rates which discour-

age borrowing to finance capital projects and the recession.

But the desired results have not materialized, economists say, because of the combination of high interest rates which discourage borrowing to finance capital projects and the recession.

By tradition capital spending tends to pick up only when businesses are using at least 80 percent to 85 percent of their existing capacity. The latest data, however, show the capacity utilization rate at 67 percent, a post-World War II low.

"Unless the economy takes off like a rocket when the recovery begins, the snapback in capital spending will be very weak," said Aubrey Zaffuto, economist at the J. Henry Schroder Bank and Trust Co.

Very few people are predicting that the economy will do much rocketing in the near future. Most projections call for growth in the inflation-adjusted gross national product of 1 percent to 2 percent this year.

Raymond F. Devoe Jr. at Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. argued that those seers are too gloomy. A 4 percent or better rate is

French auto firm to lay off 16,800

PARIS, Jan. 15 (AFP) — Talbot, part of the French auto group Peugeot, is to temporarily lay off the 16,800 staff at its Poissy plant, near here, for five days at the end of this month, Talbot has announced.

Management said that the measure was necessary in order to adjust stocks to shrinking demand, particularly in view of uncertainty in both local and foreign markets. But trade unions said it was "totally unjustified."

And the 1,000-strong staff of Bosch France at Rodez, southern France, are to be temporarily laid off during the last week of this month, trade union sources said.

The firm, which makes electric auto parts, is to rotate the technical employment among the various sections of its plant throughout the week.

Management said that the firm was suffering from a big fall-off in orders. Bosch France last put its staff on technical unemployment for a week at the end of last year.

Meanwhile, the strike of paint-shop workers at Renault Flins plant near Paris entered its ninth day Friday, with trade unions still deadlocked with management despite concessions made by both sides Thursday.

About 11,000 of the plant's 18,000 workers have been temporarily laid off from Monday as a result of the strike.

Tanker rates drop in Gulf area

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AFP) — The tanker market did little more than mark time this week, with trading remaining at a very level on the eve of the Gulf oil producers' meeting in Bahrain this weekend.

Japanese charterers took advantage of the lack of inquiry from other sources to book several vessels.

Their activity encompassed the Gulf area for clean vessels and VLCC (very large crude carriers). Vepomira, the Mediterranean (100,000 tonnes) and China (a 22,000-ton clean vessel).

Iran was responsible for most of the business in the Gulf area, with rates from Kharg Island falling quite sharply for discharge to the Far East and thereby eroding the differential available elsewhere.

Indonesia and West Africa offered very little, and only an average amount of business was concluded in the Mediterranean for both clean and dirty vessels.

The firmer look about the Caribbeans last week was quickly curtailed as demand decreased, but the British/European market continued to afford owners a fair volume of business.

U.S. foresees fall in Soviet grain imports

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP) — The Soviet Union has boosted its grain imports slightly this winter but still is expected to cut back by about 22 percent from the record levels of last year, the U.S. Agriculture Department has said.

A monthly analysis showed that Soviet imports in the international marketing year which will end June 30 are expected to total 36 million metric tons — 1 million tons more than indicated in December.

But that would be far less than the record 46 million metric tons of grain the Soviet Union imported in 1981-82 to help make up for short domestic harvests.

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Worst in 8 years

U.S. factory output dips by 8.2 percent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP) — In big industry's worst showing in eight years, production in U.S. factories and mines fell 8.2 percent last year, the government has reported. But the December decline — the 15th in 17 months — was just 0.1 percent, bolstering hopes that the long recession was ending.

"December will turn out to be the trough of the recession," was the response of Allen Sinai, senior vice president of Data Resources Inc. in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Robert Ortner, the Commerce Department's chief economist, used virtually the same words, though with less certainty, saying, "hopefully, December will turn out to have been the trough."

"Trough" is the term economists use for the lowest point of a business slump immediately preceding a revival.

Both men said they believed later studies would show the overall national economy beginning to move forward in the current first quarter of 1983. But neither predicted anything approaching a robust recovery this year.

In a separate report on Friday, the Labor Department said prices at the wholesale level

rose just 3.5 percent last year, the smallest increase in 11 years.

That increase, only about half the 7.1 percent of 1981, was partly caused by the fact that the recession made it harder to sell products at any price, analysts said. But they also said the smaller price increases should continue, even after recovery is well under way.

In December, the production report said, big gains in auto assemblies held down the overall decline in output. And it said, "the auto industry has scheduled a further increase for January in response to improved sales that diminished stocks."

The new car production, apparently already under way, makes it likely that overall industrial production is reversing its downward trend this month. The decline for all of 1982 was the largest since the 8.9 percent drop of 1974, the Federal Reserve Board figures indicated.

Total output in the nation's factories and mines dropped 15.5 percent in that earlier recession, which lasted from November 1973 to March 1975. The decline in the current, and longer recession, which began in July 1981, has been 12.5 percent, Friday's report said. The overall production level for 1982 was about the same as in 1977, five years earlier, it said.

Bahrain to open 3rd Gulf oil show

ABU DHABI, Jan. 15 (WAM) — Bahraini Minister of Development and Industry Yusuf Al Shirawi will inaugurate a four-day technical conference organized by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) to be held in Bahrain at the exhibition center in Manama on March 14.

The conference is the society's "3rd Middle East oil show" and had been planned and designed to provide SPE members and industry professionals and managers from governments, ministries, and other specialized institutions the forum to exchange views on key technical and operating issues.

The SPE is an international technical and professional organization with more than 45,000 members. More than 4,000 are in the Middle East with four SPE local sections in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah) and Egypt.

Participants at the conference from the UAE, who are connected with oil producing companies and oil-related services, are preparing papers involving the entire range of technology from exploration and drilling to production operations and reservoir engineering, according to the program schedule released by the SPE.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:30 p.m. Saturday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.14	9.14
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.33
Belgian Franc (1,000)	75.30	75.30
Canadian Dollar	282.00	282.00
Denmark Mark (100)	147.00	146.20
Dutch Guilder (100)	134.00	132.70
Egyptian Pound	3.23	3.20
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	51.70	51.70
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.00	41.40
Indian Rupee (100)	—	35.10
Iranian Rial (100)	—	6.25
Iraqi Dinar	25.70	25.70
Italian Lira (10,000)	1530	1500
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.90	9.85
Jordanian Dinar	11.93	11.93
Kuwaiti Dinar	91.00	91.60
Lebanese Lira (100)	35.50	35.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.10	27.00
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	37.70
Philippines Peso (100)	5.49	5.47
Pound Sterling	94.56	94.60
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	166.60
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	27.60
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	179.00	178.30
Sri Lanka Rupee (100)	62.00	61.50
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	3.45
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	5.44
U.S. Dollar	75.10	75.25
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	75.25

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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Water & Agriculture Ministry	Digging & deepening 5 wells	33/1	500	Jan. 15
	Digging 4 wells	34/1	500	Jan. 15
Interior Ministry, Civil Defense Department	Renovation of civil defense buildings in Taif & Hawiyah	32	500	Jan. 25
Khafji Municipality	Agricultural & fighting maintenance	—	1,000	Feb. 5
Buraidah Municipality	To drain sewage water	—	200	Jan. 29

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1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

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1.	Merzario Persia	A.E.T.	Ro Ro Units	13.1.83
2.	Reef Star	O.C.E.	Oranges	5.1.83
3.	Apillon	Al Tawil	Barley/Gen.	10.1.83
4.	Mayflower	Star	Durum/Melon	30.12.82
5.	Maldives Pledge	Star	Barley	12.1.83
6.	Selena Y3	Barnsodah	Sugar	10.1.83
7.	Kopalinia Marcel	A.A.	Barley	12.1.83
8.	Barber Talisman	Barber	Gen/Contrs.	13.1.83
9.	Fujihoishi Maru	Gulf	Bulk Palm Oil	13.1.83
10.	Al Yamamah	Kanoo	Milk/Gen.	13.1.83
11.	An Hua	S.S.M.S.C.	Dhal/Maize	8.1.83
12.	Ikon Maru	Kanoo	Frozen Lamb	9.1.83
13.	Gayang	Kanoo	Steel/Gen.	13.1.83
14.	Union Bahama	O.C.E.	Steel/Gen.	13.1.82
15.	Pelagos	M.T.A.	Corn/Gen.	14.1.83
16.	Adel	Bulani	Durra	8.1.83
17.	Odeous	Bulani	Bulk Cement	7.1.83
18.	Sun Kobe	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	5.1.83
19.	Al Shehabia	H.S.S.O.	Tiles/Timber/Gen.	4.1.83
20.	Gemini Pioneer	Atawil	Barley	28.12.82
21.	Interspirit	Star	Barley	2.1.83
22.	Poliford	Attar	Gen/Contrs.	5.1.83
23.	Patricia-S	El Hawi	Gen./Steel	2.1.83
24.	Almar	Shobolshi	Timber/Steel	7.1.83
25.	Maldive Nobla	O.Trade	Maize/Sorghum	31.12.82
26.	Dico	Al Tawil	General	8.1.83
27.	New Dragon	A.E.T.	Durra	28.12.82
28.	Safina Riyadh	O.C.E.	Bananas	1.1.83
29.	Scirocco Universal	Star	Bananas	7.1.83

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3.	San John Bay	Gosabli	General	11.1.83
4.	APJ Prid	OCE	Gen/Steel	5.1.83
5.	APJ Karan	Altawil	Gen/Fertilizer	6.1.83
6.	Hoegh Cairn	Kanoo	Gen/Cont.	7.1.83
7.	Luk Abetic	Saite	Sugar	3.1.83
8.	Eastern Summit	Gosabli	General	9.1.83
9.	Saudi Ambassador	Ori	General	11.1.83
10.	Kampos	UEP	Barley	8.1.83
11.	Frisian Mariner	Gulf	General	8.1.83
12.	Hellas Freizer	Star	Reefers	7.1.83
13.	Meldive Pride	Ori	Maize/Timber	6.1.83
14.	Mao Mu	Gosabli	Gen/Cont.	4.1.83
15.	Lauri	Kanoo	Bagged Cement	6.1.83
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Wilting under debts

Brazil woos alien investors

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 15 (AP) — Financially strapped Brazil has eased regulations in hopes of getting more foreigners to invest in its stock markets.

Nonresidents now are exempt from Brazilian taxes on stock profits they make here, and they now can take their money out in 90 days. The old minimum was two years.

"We're honestly not counting on large amounts of foreign money right away," Enio Rodrigues, the president of the Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange, told the Associated Press. "But we want foreign investors to know about the mechanisms that now exist."

Brazil has always been suspicious of

investments by foreign speculators living outside the country. A 1976 law permits such investments, but not directly. Nonresidents can only buy shares in special mutual funds, and it is the funds that actually buy local companies' stock.

Response has been minimal. About \$100 million in outside funds have come in since the law was passed, and stock exchange officials estimate around \$55 million still are here.

"This amount of money is so insignificant, relatively speaking, we haven't even kept track of how the special funds are doing," said Paulo Rehder, press director of the Rio exchange. An outside financial source said that in 1982 the foreigners' funds averaged a return of around 5 percent in real terms.

Brazil has resisted so-called "hot money" from abroad, some say practically to the point of paranoia, and has shelved suggestions to make Rio an offshore "haven" for dollars and other strong currencies. But observers of the financial scene say Brazil may be forced to change its thinking because of its economic mess.

The huge nation, the Third World's No. 1 debtor, nearly went bankrupt last year and had to turn to the International Monetary Fund for a massive bailout loan. Brazil has told the IMF it will stimulate foreign investment, and the new rules regarding foreign money in the stock market, announced Jan. 11, apparently are part of this policy.

"The liberalization of the regulations represents an important advance but doesn't go far enough," exchange President Rodrigues said.

The Rio stock exchange index's gain of 81 percent was wiped out by Brazil's 99.7 percent inflation. But the stock of Ford Motor Co.'s Brazilian subsidiary went up 469 percent. Shares of Banerji, the Rio de Janeiro state bank, increased 400 percent.

BRIEFS

DETROIT, (APF) — Sales in the first 10 days of January by the three main U.S. car companies totaled 108,348 units, 10.5 percent up on a year earlier, industry figures showed here. To boost sales, manufacturers have reduced interest rates on credit for new cars. The present rate is 11.9 percent.

LONDON, (AFP) — Britain's Associated Newspapers group, which owns the national *Daily Mail*, took a 26.6 percent drop in pretax profits for the year ended last Sept. 30 to 11.58 million pounds (\$19 million), the group announced here. But stock market analysts had been forecasting profits of only nine million pounds. Group sales rose 14 percent to 262.09 million pounds. A final dividend of 5.9 pence was declared, taking the year's total dividends to 10.4 pence, the same as the previous year.

ATHENS, (AFP) — Greek Merchant Marine Minister Georges Katsifaras has announced a series of measures to restore the competitiveness of the recession-hit Greek maritime industry. They include the right of shipowners to employ foreign sailors for up to two years provided they make up no more than 30 percent of the ship's complement and provided there is no unemployment among Greek sailors.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U.S. Agriculture Department said it will donate 120,000 pounds of surplus non-fat dry milk to help feed children in Haiti. The milk will be donated to a private humanitarian group, to help feed approximately 10,000 children in schools, orphanages and a hospital for pediatrics and handicapped children.

LONDON, (AFP) — Britain's money supply grew at a slower annual 11 percent last month after appearing to be heading for the official ceiling of 12 percent, the Bank of England announced here. December's money supply grew at a monthly rate of 0.6 percent, the same as in December 1981 and down from 1.7 percent in November and 1.1 percent in October. The bank saw the slowdown as proof that monetary policy was on course and that the current attacks on sterling were unjustified.

SIBU, Malaysia (AP) — The pepper exporting countries — Malaysia, Indonesia, India and Brazil — will meet in Kuala Lumpur later this year to discuss further measures to revitalize and strengthen the pepper industry. Deputy Primary Industries Minister Haji Bujang Haji Ullis told reporters Friday. The meeting would be a follow-up to that held in Balern, Brazil, last year, he said.

Financial Roundup

Dollar closes on strong note

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — The dollar closed on a stronger note on the Friday markets after the U.S. Federal Reserve Board failed to reduce its discount rates as had been expected: Eurodollar deposit rates remained mixed however with the shorter end of the market coming under pressure to trade within 8 1/2 - 8 3/4 percent levels. The failure of the "Fed" to make a move one way or the other has added some last minute uncertainties in the money markets and the European bourses are expected to open on a note of caution next week. The latest U.S. weekly money supply figures showed an unexpected fall of \$300 million for the M1 series as opposed to the \$0.5 billion rise of the previous Friday. The money market hardly noticed the latest figures just as was the case last week. U.S. industrial output for the month of December showed 0.1 percent fall compared to the 0.7 percent fall for November but the picture on the economic front continues to be one of gloom.

On the bullion markets, gold prices closed the week at \$487.50 an ounce, down over European Friday levels of \$493/\$494 an ounce but well up over the previous Friday's \$467 levels. It was silver prices however that seemed to have quietly but effectively crept back up again to close at \$12.80 an ounce-up by over \$1 compared with the previous week's closing prices.

The dollar did well on the exchanges, particularly against the German mark which fell back to 2.3550 levels from earlier European trading levels of 2.3450. The falls reflect some easing in German interest rates over the weekend but more immediate importance, the money market uncertainties over the outcome of the coming German state elections. Money markets always seem to prefer a decisive victory of one party or another and anything that smacked of weak coalitions gives them nightmares.

In other currency news, the British premier Mrs. Thatcher made some strong attacks on the exchanges and this seemed to have momentarily rallied the pound to 1.5830 levels after it sharp falls to 1.5580 earlier this week. The Swiss franc was weaker at 1.9320 due to 1/4 percent cuts in Swiss interest rates while the Japanese yen fell to 230.60 from 229.50 levels.

On the local markets, Saturday saw a dull and directionless trading day develop with rial deposit rates trading at stable to low levels — especially in the short tenors. The week-fixed came under downward pressure to trade lethargically at around 4 percent levels, while the one-month JIBOR traded at around 4 1/4 - 5 1/4 percent.

The longer dates were hardly quoted for fear of being actually "taken up," and the one-year rate fell to 7 1/2 - 7 3/4 percent levels. Spot rial/dollar rates fluctuated around 3.4398-03 levels all day.

Taipei cracks down on forgers

TAIPEI, Jan. 15 (LOS) — In a highly publicized attempt to crack down on Taipei's forgers, a local company was recently ordered to pay a U.S. firm \$15,190 in compensation for selling imitations of its dry-cell batteries in Africa. It is believed to be the highest amount awarded in such a case by a court here.

A few days later, the cabinet approved amendments to the Trademark Law, increasing penalties for infringement of locally-registered trademarks to five years in prison and/or a fine of \$1,250. Manufacturers who infringe trademarks not registered here but judged by the court to be "famous" now face three years in prison or six months in police detention.

The export licenses of six companies have also been revoked for forging foreign trademarks and six other firms are to be sued for counterfeiting attaché cases made by the French company, Delsey.

Despite such tough measures against the copiers, stores here still openly sell pirated American hardbacks, British LPs and cassette tapes.

Norway shipping suffers setback

OSLO, Jan. 15 (AFP) — Norwegian shipping last year experienced the worst trading conditions since the 1930's, the president of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association, Ate Jøsen, has reported.

For Norway the recession has meant a 10 percent reduction in the size of the fleet sailing under the Norwegian flag, and 3,000 seamen are unemployed.

Jøsen said there was a clear link between the problems facing Norwegian shipping and the downturn for industry in general, adding that he foresaw little hope of improvement before industrial output begins to rise.

Oil drilling rigs and offshore supply ships have survived best, but at the end of last year a clear weakening of the offshore market was also evident.

ette tapes, Rolex watches, iKodak color film, ET toys, Chanel perfume and dozens of other famous brands, at a fraction of the cost of the real thing. Economists here put the annual volume of forged goods at \$250 million, about 1 percent of total exports.

Counterfeiters operate in small factories all over the island, often changing the company name to make detection more difficult. Observers believe that the authorities have been unable or unwilling to do much about it in the past, because of the large amount of foreign exchange counterfeiting generated and because of the lack of capital and marketing know-how needed by the firms to sell under their own brand names.

This year's change of heart was prompted by a vocal U.S. business campaign. The U.S. is Taiwan's largest trading partner, buying 39 percent of total exports in the first 10 months of this year.

In August, the American Chamber of Commerce here warned: "Taiwan is in danger of acquiring a reputation it cannot afford as the world capital of commercial counterfeiting." It proposed stricter penalties and more rigorous enforcement. Speaking at a business conference here in November, Senator Steve Symms of Idaho said that resolution of the counterfeiting issue was "essential to the continued mutually beneficial trade relations between the Republic of China and the U.S."

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As Bird flies high

Celtics tear Nets to shreds

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP) — One winning streak is over and two others are intact in National Basketball Association action.

The Celtics, behind the 26 points of Larry Bird, downed New Jersey 133-108 Friday night, ending the Nets' 11-game winning streak. Boston has now seven in a row.

The Nets' victory streak was the second-longest in the NBA this season — Seattle won its first 12 — but Philadelphia was not far behind after beating Detroit 115-105. The victory was the 10th straight for the 76ers.

In other NBA games, San Diego defeated Kansas City 127-120. Chicago edged Indiana 126-123 in overtime. Golden State defeated Washington 116-104. San Antonio downed Houston 96-92. Dallas outscored Denver 149-139. Atlanta beat New York 88-80 and Portland defeated Seattle 102-99.

Boston ran New Jersey out of the game quickly. Bird scored 14 of his points in the first quarter, which ended with Boston ahead 32-20.

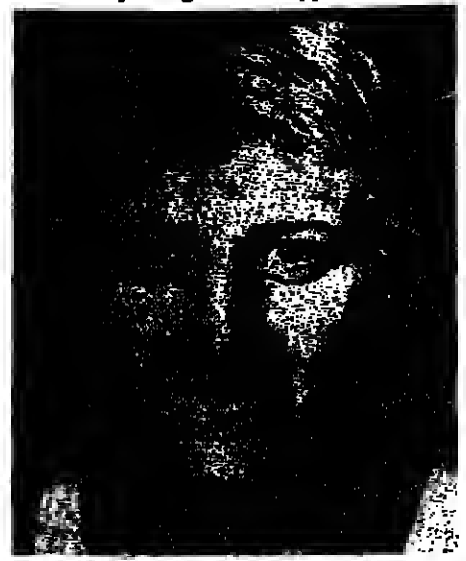
The Celtics used a relentless fast-break to lead by as many as 31 points, 95-64, with three minutes left in the third quarter. Nate Archibald added 21 points for the Celtics, while Kevin McHale had 18 and Cedric Maxwell 17. Darwin Cook had 18 points for the Nets and Buck Williams scored 17.

76ers 115, Pistons 105: Julius Erving scored 24 points and Philadelphia pulled away late in the game to beat Detroit. Leading 94-93 with less than seven minutes to play, the 76ers ran off nine straight points. Erving had five points in that stretch.

Blazers 102, Sonics 99: Reserve Don Buse scored six points in the final 1 1/2 minutes to boost Portland over Seattle, extending the

Supersonics' losing streak to eight games. Buse's two free throws with 1:32 left gave Portland a 97-95 lead. Forward Mychal Thompson scored 24 points or the Blazers, while center James Donaldson paced the Sonics with 23.

Clippers 127, Kings 120: Rookie Terry Cummings scored a career-high 34 points, 21 in the second half, to boost San Diego over Kansas City and give the Clippers only their



Larry Bird...sets the pattern 10th victory of the season. Cummings also had 13 rebounds.

At Wood had 21 points and Collins 20 for the Clippers, who have won six of their last 11 games. The loss, meanwhile, was the fourth

in-a-row on the road for the Kings, who were led by Eddie Johnson and Ray Williams with 24 points each.

Bulls 126, Pacers 123: Reggie Theus scored 28 points, and Ronnie Lester's basket snapped a 121-121 tie late in the overtime period to rally the Bulls over Indiana. Theus had 10 of his points as Chicago outscored the Pacers 18-8 to forge a 113-113 tie at the end of regulation time.

Warriors 116, Bullets 104: Purvis Short scored 34 points, including a pair of free throws with 5:57 to play that broke a 96-96 tie and ignited a 10-point Golden State burst. J.B. Carroll scored 15 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter as Golden State slowly pulled away from Washington.

Spurs 96, Rockets 92: Gene Banks hit a layup that put San Antonio ahead 92-92 with 1:15 to play, and George Gervin scored 23 points in the Spurs' victory over Houston. Elvin Hayes' short jumper with 1:36 left put Houston up 92-91, but the Rockets failed to score the rest of the way.

Mavericks 149, Nuggets 139: Rolando Blackman scored 31 points and Mark Aguirre added 30 to help Dallas score the most points in its history and give the Mavericks only their fourth victory in 16 games. Dallas, which had six players in double figures, hit 71 percent of its shots in the first half.

Hawks 88, Knicks 86: Atlanta outscored the Knicks 22-10 in the final 8:30 of the first quarter and built a 52-35 lead at halftime before holding on to beat New York. The Knicks drew within 64-58 with 4:29 left in the third quarter.

Lady luck smiles on Gilbert in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 (AP) — Gibby Gilbert, with a 66 that included a birdie set up by a lucky bounce off a spectator's knee, moved into a three-stroke lead and Arnold Palmer remained in contention Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament.

Gilbert posted a 36-hole total of 131. 11 shots under par on the 6,655-yard Rancho Park Municipal Course. Palmer, 53, spiced his round of 69 with an eagle-3 and remained within striking distance of his first PGA tour title in 10 years with a 135 total, seven-under-par.

Blues down Jets

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP) — Center Mike Zuke scored two goals, the winner with only 1:54 remaining, to give the St. Louis Blues a 4-2 victory over the Winnipeg Jets in a National Hockey League Friday night.

Meanwhile, Buffalo right wing Steve Patrick scored two goals to lead the Sabres past the Washington Capitals 3-2 in the other action.

Fuzzy Zoeller, a former Masters champion and the first-round leader, scrambled to an erratic 70 that left him second at 134. Palmer was next and was tied at 135 with Tom Watson. Lanny Wadkins, Canadian Jim Nelford and Payne Stewart.

Nelford, who plays right-handed and putts left-handed, shot a 66 in the bright, warm sunshine. Wadkins, a playoff loser last week in Tucson, had a 67. Watson, the defending champion in this one and the current U.S. and British Open title-holder, managed a 68. Stewart shot 69.

The group at 136, five strokes off the pace, included Gene Littler, Hubert Green, Keith Fergus and Rex Caldwell. Green had a 66. Fergus and Caldwell 67s and Littler 69.

"This is probably the best two rounds I've put together on the tour," said Gilbert, who was celebrating his 42nd birthday. He has won three times in 15 years of tour activity. Palmer's had two bogeys that both came on 3-putts. The eagle was set up by a 240-yard 1-iron shot that left him with a 2-foot putt.

"I felt like it could have been a really good round," said Palmer. "I was anxious to have a

good round and that could have had something to do with it not being so good."

Gilbert reached all three of the par-5s in two and birdied them all. On one, however, he admitted to luck. His 3-wood second shot on the ninth was well off line. But it struck a spectator on the knee and caromed onto the putting surface.

He also scored from 25 feet on the seventh hole, from 10 on the 15th and got what he called "a one hopper" on the final hole. His 35-footer hit the back of the cup, hopped about six inches into the air and then settled back into the hole. "I guess everything is going my way," he said.

Although he hasn't won on the PGA tour since the Bob Hope Classic of 1973, Palmer still drew the largest gallery of the day. He disappointed them with a three-putt bogey on the first hole, and then followed with six routine pars.

Meanwhile, John Hayes, the professional golfer at Lakeside Country Club in nearby Toluca Lake the past 14 years, died Friday of an apparent heart attack, the county coroner's office confirmed.

A voice in the wilderness!

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (APF) — Several boxers around the world are suffering from brain disorders, a pathologist, doctor George Lundberg, said in the January issue of the American Medical Association's (AMA) journal.

Lundberg, editor-in-chief of the journal, launched an appeal for all "civilized" countries to ban the sport. He said studies done in various countries showed more than an average of 15 percent of fighters suffered from brain problems of one sort or another, which would amount to several thousand men in the world as a whole.

British research indicated that 17 percent of boxers with six to nine years' experience had irreversible brain damage. Lundberg said. A study of 14 Finnish boxers found damage to five of them. Four of the people

with brain problems were among the six Finnish professionals examined.

X-ray tests on 40 fighters in Ohio revealed that the extent of injury grew according to how many bouts each person had fought, the AMA journal said.

The article follows the death of South Korea's Duk Koo Kim after a world championship fight in November, and the spectacle of world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes pushing his last opponent round the ring "like a punchbag".

Officially, the AMA does not take such a hard line against boxing as Lundberg. After Duk Koo Kim's death the association said that there were more deaths in horse racing and football than in the ring.

But last year the AMA published a list of recommendations for safety improvements, including establishment of a computerized

record for each boxer, to avoid unequal matches. It also wanted artificial respiration kit available at the ringside and doctors to have the right to halt a fight at any moment.

World Boxing Association (WBA), lightweight champion Ray Mancini, whom Duk Koo Kim was fighting in his fatal bout, said: "Boxing is sometimes a violent sport, but it is also an art." However, he too is in favor of the establishment of a federal boxing commission and tougher medical examinations.

Doctor Monroe Cole, who worked on of the studies quoted in the journal, believes no amount of extra precautions can prevent a boxer's skull from being damaged by a blow. Cole, a neurologist, speaks from experience, since he was an amateur boxer at university.

Boza Edwards voted Britain's best

LONDON, Jan. 15 (APF) — Cornelius Boza Edwards, despite doing most of his boxing in America, has been named British fighter of the year in a readers' poll organized by Boxing News here.

The fight of the year was the lightweight championship in which George Feeney beat Ray Cattonse, while heavyweight Frank Bruno was voted the best prospect for 1983. It was also announced that London promoter Mike Barrett is prepared to settle boxing's latest squabble by encouraging the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) to allow his rival, Frank Warren, to promote a Joe Bugner fight at the Alexandra Pavilion, North London, on Feb. 16.

The only condition he makes is that Warren must produce evidence and signed contracts that he has agreed terms with Lucien Rodriguez of France to defend the European heavyweight title against Bugner on that date.

"On this understanding I will request the board to allow the contest to go ahead. Further more, if Bugner wins, and he should, I will give him an immediate contract for a title defense against Frank Bruno, and

will guarantee him 50,000 pounds for the fight," Barrett said.

Barrett said that reports that he had



Boza Edwards...all smiles

Flynn outstrides Marshall over 5,000m

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Jan. 15 (AP) — Irishman Ray Flynn made it two wins in-a-row in New Zealand when he won the 5,000 meters at an International Track and Field meeting here Saturday night.

Flynn, who won over 3,000 meters in the series opener in Dunedin Thursday, beat off local runner Shane Marshall over the last 200 meters to center away for the win in 13 minutes 49.5 seconds.

His main opposition was expected to be New Zealand's experienced Rod Dixon, hav-

ing his first race on a track for two years after concentrating on the lucrative American road circuit.

But Dixon, who said he had blistered feet after running a road race the previous weekend, tailed off when Flynn and Marshall pnt in a 66 sec lap four laps from the finish. He was fifth.

England's world record-holder and Commonwealth champion, David Moorcroft, was to have run the 5,000 meters but opted for the 800 meters instead after suffering from

stomach pains during the week.

American Chandra Cheeseborough had the 100 meter and 200 meter to herself, winning comfortably in 11.86 seconds and 23.12 seconds respectively, while Christchurch teenager Bev Peterson, picked Australia's 200 meter specialist, Jenny Flaherty, out of second in the 100 meters. Both were timed at 11.37 seconds. Flaherty took second in the 200.

Christchurch-based Western Samoan Joe Leota had a surprise win in the 100 meters, shutting out Australia's Paul McGregor and Chris Nunn as well as Polish Marian Caron. England's Peter Elliott won the 800m in a tight finish with American James Robinson in 1:48.90 after being led through a 55 second first lap by Moorcroft, who trailed off eighth.

New Zealand's John Walker's career-best time through illness. Steve Scott of the United States continued untested and won the 1,500 in 3:41.98. The javelin went to American Tom Petrenoff with a first and best throw of 85.55 meters. 1.13 meters better than the Commonwealth record-holder, Mike O'Rourke of New Zealand.

Australian heptathlete Glynnis Nunn stormed home in the 400 in 55.22, clear of any threat from second runner, Poland's 800 runner, Jolanta Janucha. West German Birgit Kraus won the women's mile in 4:31.48, overtaking pacemaker Anne Audain of New Zealand in the last 220 yards.

Meanwhile, Bill Olson and British femalerunner Jane Finch, shared the glory Friday at the Ottawa International Indoor Track and Field Meet. Olson setting an indoor world best in the pole vault and Finch establishing a best in the women's 800-meter run.

The 24-year-old Olson, scaled 18 feet 10 1/4 inches (5.6 m) to erase his own mark of 18-10 (5.5) established last year in New York. Finch, recovering from a stress fracture that kept her out of action last season after she had a baby 13 months ago, ran away from the field to finish in 2 minutes, 3.6 seconds, well under the 2:05.8 time established here last year by Leann Warren of the United States.

Chris Lewis, Frawley crash

AUCKLAND, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — The two top seeds, Australian John Alexander and New Zealander Russell Simpson, will meet in the final of the \$15,000 New Zealand dollar International Grand Prix Tennis Championship here Sunday.

Alexander won his semifinal 7-6, 6-4 against top New Zealand Davis Cup player Chris Lewis, while Simpson reached his second consecutive singles final here by beating Australian Rod Frawley 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in one hour 47 minutes.

The 83-minute contest was made easier when Lewis blew his chance to take the first set, after breaking Alexander in the ninth game and serving for the set in the tenth. Lewis saved a break point, and held one set point before dropping his serve for 5-11.

Alexander, the 31st ranked Australian, then took the first set tiebreaker 7-2, and the second set with a single service break in the ninth game.

Simpson, who had the easiest run of any seed through to the final, started nervously against Frawley. He won only two points in the first three games and trailed 1-3 before taking Frawley's serves in the fifth and ninth games to claim the 36-minute first set.

Simpson looked headed for a straight set win when he was a break ahead in the second set. But Frawley played solidly, returning serve well enough to break Simpson's lead in the sixth and eighth games to level at one-set all.

Simpson served for the match in the ninth game of the 41-minute third set but lost his serve to 30. However, Frawley was not up to the test, double faulting in the tenth game to give Simpson match point, and the New Zealander converted it with a passing forehand

down the line.

In the first doubles semifinal played, David Graham and John Warder (Australia) beat Americans Rod Crowley and Rand Elvel 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Meanwhile, John McEnroe, showing his pleasure at times over the officiating, defeated Guillermo Vilas 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, in a pro tennis exhibition match Friday night at the Milwaukee Arena. It was the fourth and final stop in the exhibition series between the two professionals.

McEnroe, who has been known in the past for sometimes stormy antics on the court, stomped his feet, yelled and tossed a racket in reaction to some of the calls made during Friday night's exhibition.

The crowd was estimated at about 8,500, which followed the final of the Milwaukee Tennis Classic College Tournament hosted by Marquette University.

Gene Mayer was named to replace Brian Teacher in the \$100,000 Central Trust Tennis Championships next week in Cincinnati. Teacher withdrew because of an ankle injury.

"We are very excited about Gene Mayer being added," said tournament director John Tataro. "He is among the best players in the world, and his match with Jimmy Arias should be a great one."

Mayer is ranked eighth in the computer rankings. He will compete with Arias, Roscoe Tanner and Ilie Nastase in the men's segment of the tournament. Women taking part in the event include Tracy Austin, Billie Jean King, Hana Mandlikova and Kathy Rinaldi.

Martina, Tracy to clash in semis

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova set up a semifinal meeting with her fellow American Tracy Austin when she beat Betina Bunge, the West Germany now based in Monaco, in the quarterfinals of the International Women's Tennis Tournament here Friday night.

Navratilova raced through the first set, winning 6-1, but the second saw her struggle before winning 7-5. Austin, meanwhile, was rarely in difficulty as she beat her compatriot Ann Smith 6-1, 6-2.

The other semifinal will be an all-German affair between Sylvia Hanika and Eva Pfaff, who both beat highly-rated American opponents.

Hanika recovered from losing the first set 6-1 against Navratilova's doubles partner Pam Shriver to win convincingly 1-6, 6-2, 6-3. Eva Pfaff outlasted hometown favorite Zina Garrison 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Pfaff, who upset fifth-seeded Barbara Potter in the first round, escaped two match points in the second set tie-breaker and won it at the second match point in the third set tie-breaker with a forehand cross court volley.

Shriver dominated Hanika in the opening set with breaks in the fourth and sixth games before falling apart. "I had to ask myself how could I have possibly lost five games in a row," Hanika said. "Then I just concentrated on the new set, knowing it was not over. I thought that I was a better all around player than Pam. She started very well and didn't make any mistakes."



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Masterly Miandad, Mudassar make merry

To send records tumbling

HYDERABAD, Pakistan, Jan. 15 (AP) — Javed Miandad and Mudassar Nazar, with career-best efforts, created a new world cricket record and equaled another as Pakistan piled up a massive 515 for three wickets in their first innings on the second day of the fourth cricket Test against India here Saturday.

The two Pakistan players achieved a record score for the third wicket in Tests when they scored 451 runs together. In the process they equaled another record for an any wicket. The record-breaking association ended minutes before close of the second day when Maninder Singh held a catch from Mudassar Nazar off Dilip Doshi. The Pakistani opener scored 231.

The previous best for the third wicket stood in the name of Bill Edrich and Dennis Compton of England, who scored 370 between them against South Africa at Lords in 1947. Edrich hit 189 and Compton got 220. Miandad and Mudassar also equaled the world record for any wicket, established by Australians Bill Ponsford and Sir Donald Bradman in the year 1934, against England.

Score-board

Pakistan (1st innings):	
M. Khan b. Sandhu	24
M. Nazar c. Maninder b. Doshi	231
H. Rasid b. Sandhu	0
J. Miandad batting	238
Z. Abbas batting	4
Extras	18
Total (for 3 wks.)	515
Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-60, 3-511.	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 27-2-111-0; Sandhu 33-7-107-2; Aswathth 15-0-64-0; Maninder 43-9-111-0; Doshi 33-9-104-1.	

at the Oval.

The Pakistanis were almost on the verge of smashing this record when left-arm spinner Doshi forced Mudassar into the first error of his long innings. On way to their world record the two also improved Pakistan's third-wicket stand against any country and also established the highest stand for any wicket for Pakistan.

It was Miandad who had the honor of scoring the single that created the world record for a third-wicket partnership. Javed took a sharp single off Mohinder Amarnath to create history by hoisting the third-wicket tally to 371, taking Pakistan's total to 431. The crowd stood on their feet to cheer the Pakistanis. The Indian fielders shared in the crowd's enthusiasm and applauded the Pakistani batsmen.

At close of play Miandad was 238 not out and Zaheer Abbas 4 not out. Overnight batsmen Mudassar (92 not out) and Miandad (97 not out) duly completed their centuries early in the morning. And then they went on flawlessly to score a double century each against the helpless Indian bowlers, who toiled on a placid pitch.

The two batsmen were models of concentration and correct batsmanship en-route to their memorable performance. Mudassar and Miandad exposed the limitation of the Indian attack as Gavaskar rung his woeful resources quickly in search of the elusive breakthrough. But they had to wait till near the end of the day for their only success.

The touring Indian cricket team manager Panch Singh Rao Gaekwad later congratulated the two Pakistani batsmen for their superb performance.



Mudassar ... career-best 231



Miandad ... going strong on 238

Rush's late goal aids Liverpool keep 10-point lead

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AP) — Ian Rush scored in the 90th minute, his 24th goal of the season, to give Liverpool a 1-0 victory away to West Bromwich Saturday. The victory meant Liverpool maintained a 10-point lead at the top of the English First Division Soccer standings.

West Bromwich defended stoutly throughout the game, but were caught unaware by Welsh international Rush's late strike.

Manchester United moved into second place by defeating Birmingham City 2-1 at St. Andrews. Northern Ireland international Norman Whiteside and England captain

Bryan Robson were United's scorers, while struggling Birmingham replied with a penalty from Kevin Dilln.

Scottish striker Ian Wallace netted the 75th minute goal that gave Nottingham Forest a 1-0 win at home to West Ham. Forest moved into third spot, ahead of Watford.

David Johnson scored in the 75th minute with his first touch since coming on as substitute to earn Everton a 1-0 triumph over Watford at Goodison Park.

Mark Hateley gave Coventry City the lead after only 14 seconds at Southampton, but David Armstrong hit a 38th minute leveller and the match finished 1-1.

English soccer results

English Division One			
Arsenal	3	Stoke	0
Birmingham	1	Man. United	2
Everton	1	Watford	0
Ipswich	2	Brighton	0
Luton	1	Tottenham	1
Man. City	4	Norwich	1
Nottingham Forest	1	West Ham	0
Southampton	1	Coventry	1
Sunderland	2	Aston Villa	0
Swansea	2	Notts County	0
West Bromwich	0	Liverpool	1
Division Two			
Barnsley	2	Crystal Palace	1
Blackburn	2	Wolverhampton	2
Bolton	3	Burnley	0
Cardiff	3	Derby	0
Charlton	2	Leicester	1
Chelsea	6	Cambridge	0
Leeds	1	Grimsby	0
Middlesbrough	1	Sheff. Wednesday	0
O.P. Rangers	2	Newcastle	0
Rotherham	0	Fulham	1
Shrewsbury	0	Oldham	0
Division Three			
Bristol Rovers	4	Wrexham	0
Exeter	3	Huddersfield	4
Millwall	1	Preston	0
Newport	1	Doncaster	2
Orient	2	Chesterfield	0
Division Four			
Gillingham	1		
Bradford	1		
Sheff. United	2		
Walsall	3		
Wigan	3		
Wrexham	2		
Sunderland	3		
Plymouth	1		
Division Five			
2	Mansfield	1	
3	Chesham	2	
4	Crewe	3	
5	Hartford	0	
6	Hull	1	
7	Northampton	2	
8	Peterborough	1	
9	Port Vale	3	
10	Rochdale	1	
11	Swindon	4	
12	Colchester	1	
Scottish Premier Division			
1	Dundee	3	
2	Hibernian	0	
3	Motherwell	2	
4	Rangers	1	
5	Kilmarnock	1	
6	St. Mirren	1	
7	Aberdeen	1	
8	Airdrieonians	0	
9	Alloa	0	
10	St. Johnstone	0	
11	Heart of Midlothian	4	
12	Falkirk	1	
13	Ayr	1	
14	Clydebank	1	
15	Hamilton	0	
16	Dumfries	1	
17	Queen's Park	2	
18	Rutherglen	1	
19	Clyde	1	

David Cross scored twice against one of his former clubs as Manchester City trounced Norwich 4-1 at Maine Road. Kevin Bond and Asa Hartford also netted for the home team while Martin O'Neill replied.

Scottish internationals John Wark and Alan Brazil were on target as Ipswich won 2-0 at Portman Road to extend Brighton's record to 19 winless league away games, while Swansea won for the first time in seven games at home to Notts County. Darren Gale and club leading scorer Bob Latchford scored in 2-0 victory.

Sunderland extended their unbeaten league record to six matches by defeating European champions Aston Villa 2-0 Roker Park with efforts from Ken McNaught (own goal) and Frank Worthington, while two overseas players attracted attention at Kenilworth Road and Highbury.

Argentine international Osvaldo played his first match for Tottenham since the Falklands crisis, but Spurs could only draw 1-1 against Luton. Gary O'Reilly's own goal gave Luton a first half lead, but substitute Glenn Hoddle hit his first goal of the season to earn Spurs a point.

Yugoslav international midfielder Vladimir Petrovic scored his first goal in England as Arsenal swamped Stoke City 3-0. Arsenal's other goals came from Graham Rix and John Hollins (penalty).

Wolverhampton Wanderers held on to the

Second Division leadership despite braving 2-2 at Blackburn, while challe: Queen's Park Rangers and Fulham both. Meanwhile, Joao Havelange, the pres: of the International Federation of Fo: Associations said Thursday it was "im: able" Brazil will be picked to host the World Soccer Cup.



David Cross ... nets 2 for City

To upset England in opener

France strikes in 2nd half

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AP) — France beat England 19-15 in the Five Nations Championship Rugby Union match here Saturday. At half-time England led by nine points to three.

The 60,000 crowd at Twickenham saw Camberabero open the scoring with a 10th minute penalty kick, but it was the only success the French were to have before the interval.

Thanks to kicks by Hare in the 12th and 17th minutes and Cusworth's 41st minute drop goal, England changed over with a 9-3 lead.

The re-organized French side suddenly pulled their game together after the break, and there were tries for Esteve, Paparomborde and Sella. Camberabero converted the first two, to build up a 19-9 lead for the visitors.

A late surge by England won two more penalty kicks for Hare, in the 72nd and 80th minutes. He made no mistake with both, but England were too far outclassed by the enterprising French side. The scoreline was a

fair reflection of the amount of merit shown by the two teams.

In the other match at Murrayfield, Ireland beat Scotland 15-13 after leading 15-4 at half time.

Titleholders Ireland touched down and converted a try, but the winning touch was again provided by Ollie; Campbell, who kicked three penalties. Scotland replied with a try, a drop goal and two penalties.

The 55,000 crowd saw Campbell open the scoring with a penalty goal after 15 minutes. He kicked two more before the half-time whistle, aided by the gusting winds.

Laidlaw touched down for the host country in the 22nd minute. Then Kirenan replied for Ireland with a try in the 35th minute. Campbell converted Kirenan's effort to give Ireland a 15-4 lead at the interval.

A drop goal by Renwick in the 51st minute and penalties from the boot of Dodd in the 56th and 58th minute were not enough to redress the balance for Scotland.

Paris-Dakar Rally

French rider dies in collision

NIAMEY, Jan. 15 (AP) — A motorcyclist was killed in Upper Volta and two car crews are still missing in the tenebre region of the Sahara Desert in Niger, as the Paris-Dakar Rally continues its trouble-torn path through western Africa.

The rider killed is Jean-Noel Pineau, a 30-year-old Frenchman. He was found unconscious near his Yamaha 550 at the side of the road between Leo and Upper Volta capital of Ongadongou by a race emergency services vehicle, patrolling the Agadez-Korbo (Ivory Coast) stage of the race. Pineau had apparently been struck by a car and was rushed to hospital in Ongadongou, 115 km away, but died shortly after his arrival.

Several days ago Pineau, who finished third in the race in 1980 but had to withdraw last year after breaking his shoulder in the Algerian section of the desert, had announced that this was to be his last Paris-Dakar. With his teammate and friend Michel Merel, Pineau had decided to back out of the race at the end of the tenebre section in Agadez and return to Dakar, but Merel was injured in a fall and Pineau then decided to continue with the race.

Two missing French motorcyclists were picked up safe and well in the tenebre region of the Sahara Desert. Philippe Vassard and Gilles Deshuelles disappeared in a sandstorm on

Wednesday and their whereabouts were unknown until they were spotted near the tenebre tree, halfway between Dirkou and Agadez, by a reconnaissance aircraft early this morning.

The search is continuing for two other Frenchmen, who were lost in the sandstorm, Arnault Lucbert and Maurice Lefevre. There has been no sign of the pair since their disappearance, despite the concerted sweep of the area made by aircraft and helicopters owned by the race organizers and a ground search mounted by the army.

Several private planes joined in the search, and two ground convoys have left Agadez and Dirkou, heading for the tenebre tree region. The search parties have been helped by the fact that the wind has dropped considerably, clearing the air of sand and increasing visibility.

Meanwhile, former French swimming champion Christine Caron and her co-driver Brigitte Sacy have still not arrived in Agadez. Their Range Rover was found late Friday night alongside the route, about 50 km north of the city, and the pilot who sighted the vehicle said he saw a group of nomadic tuareg tribesmen on camels nearby, giving rise to the belief that the two women had been rescued and were being taken on to Agadez by the tribesmen.

BRIEFS

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Former World chess champion Bobby Fischer has demanded \$1.5 million appearance money to play against Dutch grand master Jan Timman, the newspaper *De Telegraaf* reported here Saturday. In addition, the 39-year-old American wants prize-money of one million dollars to go to the winner of the match, as well as a share of the press and television rights.

HONG KONG (AP) — The Peking to Paris Motor Rally has been postponed until next year, the English-language newspaper *the South China Morning Post* reported here Saturday. The newspaper said the Rally, which was due to start next September, will not take place until 1984 because of the "pressure of work" on the organizers. The China Sports Service Company and the Association of Motorsports.

DIJON, France, (AP) — An unemployed man from Dijon has won a French record 1,798,328 francs (about 164,000 pounds sterling) on a horseracing bet — due to his own mistake. The man, who wished to remain anonymous, was in a hurry when he filled in his betting slip for the quarter (the French State Horseracing Gambling system) on Thursday and by mistake included the No. 4 instead of one of his usual numbers.

Gower's brilliance earns England the day

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan. 15 (AP) — England took full advantage of a record innings by vice-captain David Gower to easily defeat New Zealand Saturday in their One-Day World Series Cup match at the Brisbane Cricket Ground.

Gower, batting at No. 3 in England's innings after Mowarth had put them in, was in brilliant form with his 158 to record the highest innings seen in Australian One-Day International Cricket — surpassing the 150 by West Indian Viv Richards set in Melbourne three years ago.

England, relying heavily on the blond left-hander, reached 267 for six wickets in its full 50 overs. But New Zealand could hold out for only 48.2 overs to reply 213.

England grabbed their first win in the round-robin series after losing to New Zealand in Melbourne and to Australia in Sydney last week. But they now have renewed confidence for their second clash with Australia at the Brisbane Cricket Ground Sunday.

New Zealand's attack, led by paceman Richard Hadlee, had no answer to Gower's magnificent free-flowing display that thrilled the crowd of nearly 13,000.

The England vice-captain hit three towering sixes off Hadlee, another off Lance Cairns and blasted 18 fours in his 118-ball stay that

easily won him the man of the match award. Gower's century came in 85 balls. Gower added 113 with Derek Randall, who was run out for 34. Randall looked set to tear the Kiwi bowlers to shreds when he unexpectedly called Gower for a second run after playing the ball toward point.

Gower looked up in amazement to see his batting partner at his side and the jubilant New Zealand fieldsmen breaking the wickets at the far end of the pitch. Chris Tavare's 24 was the only other worthwhile contribution and Hadlee ended with the best bowling figures of two for 44 from ten overs. Lance Cairns was on the spot with one for 29 from

Score-board

England:			
I. Gouli c. Howarth b. Troup	15		
C. Tavare b. Cairns	24		
D. Gower c. Crowe (sub) b. Snedden	158		
A. Lamb c. Cairns b. Hadlee	13		
I. Boden c. Webb b. Hadlee	0		
D. Randall run out	34		
T. Jesty not out	4		
Extras	19		
Total (for 6 wks.)	267		
Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-89, 3-114, 4-116, 5-229, 6-267.			
Bowling: Hadlee 10-1-44-2; Chisfield 10-3-44-0; Snedden 10-0-76-1; Troup 7-1-38-1; Cairns 10-0-29-1; Concy 3-0-17-0.			
New Zealand:			
I. Wright c. Randall b. Cowans	30		

Hinault hits out at European administrators

PONTCHATEAU, Central France, Jan. 15 (AP) — Europe's top cyclist, Bernard Hinault, Friday hit back at European Cycling administrators who barred him and other successful riders from entering the new Tour of America.

"Cycling is run in an old fashioned way in Europe," the four times Tour de France winner said here. "America is a whole new country." He did not rule out the possibility of competing in events in Colombia and Venezuela, if he could, as well as the United States.

Hinault also criticized the Paris-Roubaix race, which the sport's administrators said Thursday must take precedence over the new American race, due to take place in Washington at the same time in April.

"The Paris to Roubaix is an out of date race," Hinault said, adding that he had never liked it. He would much prefer to compete in the Tour of America. "And that is not because of the money, but because it is a new country for cycling," Hinault said.

Cyrille Guimard, manager of the Renault team for which Hinault rides, said it was still possible the "badger" would compete in the trans-Atlantic event. "There is still time to discuss it if Hinault still wants to go," he said. Giuseppe Saronni of Italy, winner of the World Road Race Championships in England last year, was among other professional cyclists affected by the ruling that they must either compete in the Paris to Roubaix or stay at home while the Tour of America is taking place.

Philippines takes unbeatable lead

MANILA, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — The Philippines clinched their Eastern Zone Davis Cup tie against Malaysia when they won the doubles here Saturday.

Enrique Capulong and Raymond Suarez defeated Adam Malik and Rahman Ramal 6-3, 7-9, 6-2, 7-5 to give the Filipinos an unbeatable 3-0 lead on the second day of the three-day series. They won both the singles Friday and will now meet South Korea in March in the quarterfinals in Manila.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka won a thrilling five-setter against Hong Kong to take a 2-1 lead in their Eastern Zone tie in Colombo. The teams had shared the opening singles Friday. Sri Lanka's Arjun Fernando and Frank Sebaratnam were taken the full distance by Mark Bailey and Peng Chi Yuen. The Sri Lankans won at 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Both sides took advantage of the rule permitting a change in the doubles combination before an hour of the game. Sri Lanka decided to play Sebaratnam in place of Ajith Perera, while Hong Kong brought in Bailey in place of Kelvin Ng.

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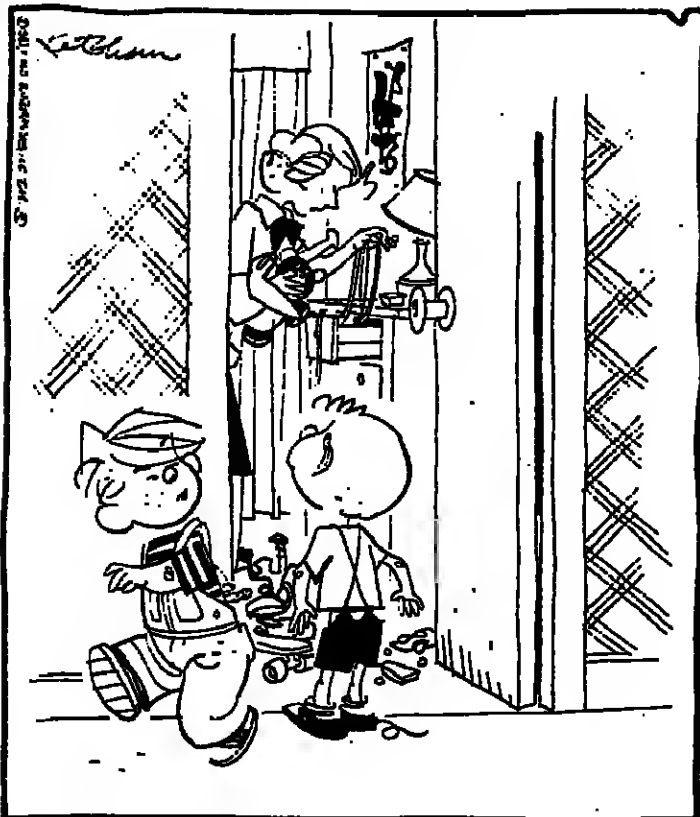
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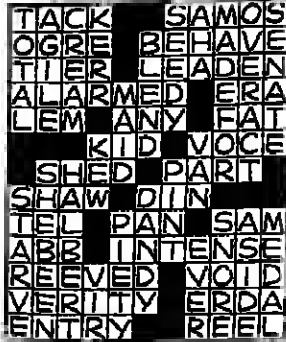
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10:00 Arabic Series	9:20 Dallas Second Thoughts	8:10 Lights on World Cup '82
10:40 News	10:40 World News	9:00 Arabic Drama
11:00 News	10:50 Soap Program Preview	9:40 World News
11:15 Arabic Film	1:00 Closesown	10:30 Economic Report
Bahrain Channel 4		
4:00 Umm al-Fayoud	4:15 Religious Talk	4:00 Closesown
4:30 Program Preview	4:30 Cartoons	
4:50 Children's Series	5:30 360 Degrees	
5:30 360 Degrees	6:30 Health Program	
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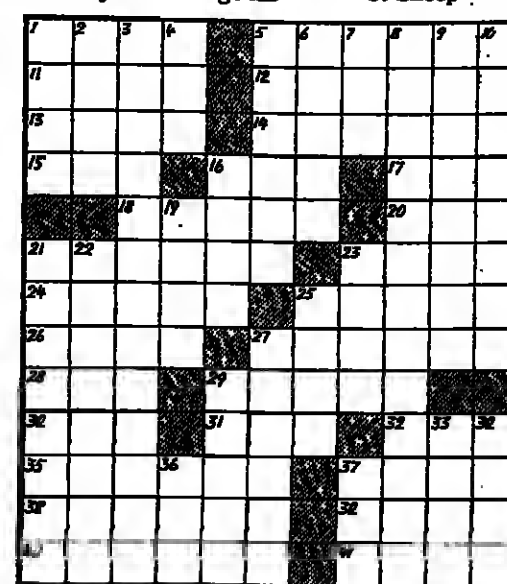
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You are South, both sides vulnerable, and the bidding has gone:

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2. ♠K9743 ♥QJ854 ♦A7 ♣Q842
3. ♠A82 ♥10 ♦KQJ96 ♣A953
4. ♠A10 ♥72 ♦K95 ♣AKQ962

1. One notrump. Special rules apply when the opponents stop at a low contract and the last bidder has a choice between passing or competing for a part score. The last bidder - in this case, South - is said to be in the balancing position.

Rather than throw in the sponge when the opponents have indicated limited strength, the player in the balancing seat often keeps the bidding alive with fewer values than the bid he makes would normally indicate. Thus, in the present case, South should balance with one notrump even though he has much less than the 16-18 points customarily required for that call. One notrump is a more descriptive bid here than a double.

2. One spade. It would be unwise, in the long run, to give

up without a fight. Lacking the values for a double, you bid one spade. The heart singleton offers some degree of safety.

3. Pass. This hand is more attractive defensively than offensively. North undoubtedly has some scattered strength, but his values are likely to be more useful if West is declarer. North can hardly have game-going values, considering his pass of one heart.

4. Double. This time you have a sound suit of your own to bid, but the double is preferable because it is more important to show general strength and suggest at least some trump support than to show the diamond suit. To diamonds would sound too much like a protective bid and would often be based on a hand of less than opening bid proportions. A double in the balancing seat suggests a chance for game.

5. Three clubs. Although you have adequate strength for a double, three clubs is a much better bid to make. The jump overall indicates a promising hand with little interest in any suit except clubs.

It urges partner to continue the bidding, but limits the chances for game to either clubs or notrump. Three clubs is not forcing, but indicates to partner he needs little more than a heart stopper to produce a game in notrump.

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- TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
You have the ability to work without a break now and will be proud of your achievements. Career talks prove beneficial.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Romance and travel highlight this day. A child shows unusual promise. Sports enthusiasts will have a special time.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) ♋
This a good day to accomplish what you want around the house. Talks with close ties lead to financial and shopping decisions.
- LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
You'll have fun with loved ones now. Mentally, you're sharp and can express your

- views to good effect. Travel is favored.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
You're in a working mood and will accomplish more than usual. Handle household tasks or seek new ways to increase income.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
A zest for living and a spirit of adventure mark this day. Enjoy sports, recreation and creative pursuits. Romance is likely.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
News comes from a relative. Home-based activities are accented. Tasks you've avoided are easily finished, so wind up loose ends.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Participate in group functions and express your opinions. Others will be impressed. Writers and public speakers enjoy success.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
There's no stopping you now. Charged with ambition, you'll work overtime to accomplish your purposes. Financial interests prosper.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Intellectual pursuits will appeal to you now. Make plans for a special holiday trip. Evening favors social activities.
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On missiles

Gromyko begins talks in Bonn today

BONN, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrives in Bonn Sunday for crucial talks which both countries hope will help avert deployment of new U.S. missiles aimed against the Soviet Union.

West German officials believe Gromyko's visit, the first by a senior Soviet leader since President Leonid Brezhnev's death last November, will clarify recent arms control proposals by new Communist chief Yuri Andropov. Gromyko would give West German leaders a detailed briefing on Andropov's December offer to

cut Moscow's arsenal of SS-20 medium-range missiles drastically if NATO drops plans to install new U.S. rockets from December. "We sense that a summit with Reagan is now unlikely. So we have to concentrate our attention on those who are in a position to do something about the rocket deployment," one Soviet official said.

All 108 of the Pleshetz-2 missiles, which could reach Soviet territory in a matter of 10 minutes, are due for redeployment in West Germany. Moscow argues that this step would destroy an existing obstacle to nuclear missiles.

At a press conference during his last visit to Bonn, Gromyko waved his finger angrily as he warned NATO of the dangers of its plan to site 572 Pleshetz-2 and Cruise missiles in West Germany if limitation talks failed. Soviet sources said there would be no finger-shaking during the Gromyko visit, but it was clear Moscow was very anxious to reach a limitation agreement at Soviet-U.S. talks in Geneva.

Both sides acknowledge that the timing of the visit, during a national election campaign dominated by arms issues and unemployment, lend it particular domestic importance. Social Democratic (SPD) candidate for the chancellorship Hans-Jochen Vogel's lengthy talks with Andropov in Moscow this week are likely to have boosted his international standing and improved his election hopes. The Soviet press has already criticized Kohl for his strongly pro-American views. But commentators say Moscow will be anxious not to sour relations with the conservative leader, who remains the likely victor at the March polls.

The SPD's arms control expert Egon Bahr said at a party conference Saturday the Soviet Union appeared to have changed substantially its position on arms limitation.

Bahr, who accompanied Vogel to Moscow, said when he asked Soviet leaders if they would consider scrapping SS-20 rockets, rather than simply withdrawing them, he had been told: "Such systems could be destroyed and others withdrawn, not only behind the Urals but behind a line from which our land (West Germany) and Western Europe could not be reached."

State Secretary at the Defense Ministry Lothar Rucht wrote Friday in a newspaper article that Moscow would still hold superiority even if it reduced its arsenal to 150 SS-20s. The SS-20, unlike the French and British land and sea-based missiles now in place, can deliver a triple warhead to West European targets.

West German officials said Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher would raise a wide range of bilateral and international issues.

West German leaders will question Gromyko on the recent steep decline in emigration of ethnic Germans from the Soviet Union and also touch on Bonn's relations with East Berlin.

Bonn officials said they would also seek indications of Soviet willingness to work toward a withdrawal of its estimated 80,000 troops from Afghanistan. "Any such assurances would do more substance to the Warsaw Pact's recent proposal of a non-aggression treaty between East and West," one official said.

Pentagon turns 40

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AFP) — The Pentagon, a hastily-built structure that has become both the symbol of U.S. military power and the largest administrative building in the world, turned 40 Saturday.

The five-sided, five-storey building in Arlington, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, was to have been transformed into a warehouse or hospital at the end of World War II because President Franklin Roosevelt thought the United States would no longer need it. But today, the huge block of reinforced concrete is the seat of the U.S. Defense Department, one of the two most powerful military establishments in the world.

It is also the workplace of 23,000 military and civilian employees, a number unmatched by any other government structure in the world. Its configuration is also unique. Some employees call it "puzzle palace" because of the ease with which one can become lost in its 28 kms of neon-lighted, windowless corridors.

The Pentagon was completed Jan. 15, 1943, just 16 months after 13,000 persons, working day and night, began construction. It now has a colossal number of resources, among them a huge and highly sophisticated telephone system.

It is capable of receiving 200,000 phone calls a day, many of them highly secret. The lines of its ranking officials are protected from eavesdroppers by a special military task force.

The Pentagon also has its helicopter pad, and a network of highways from all directions leads directly to parking garages that can hold more than 10,000 cars. The new Washington metro-subway (underground), has a stop from which holders of special passes can penetrate the Pentagon directly.

Once inside, Pentagon employees drink 30,000 cups of coffee and 3,180 quarts of milk from eight restaurants and nine cafeterias, one of which is located in the outdoor courtyard.

Since 1976, the Pentagon has opened its doors — albeit apparently somewhat reluctantly — to the public. Each year, 100,000 visitors enter the building, watched by military guides who give their tours while walking backward so as to watch for those who might be too curious.

Nakasone will face tough U.S. talks

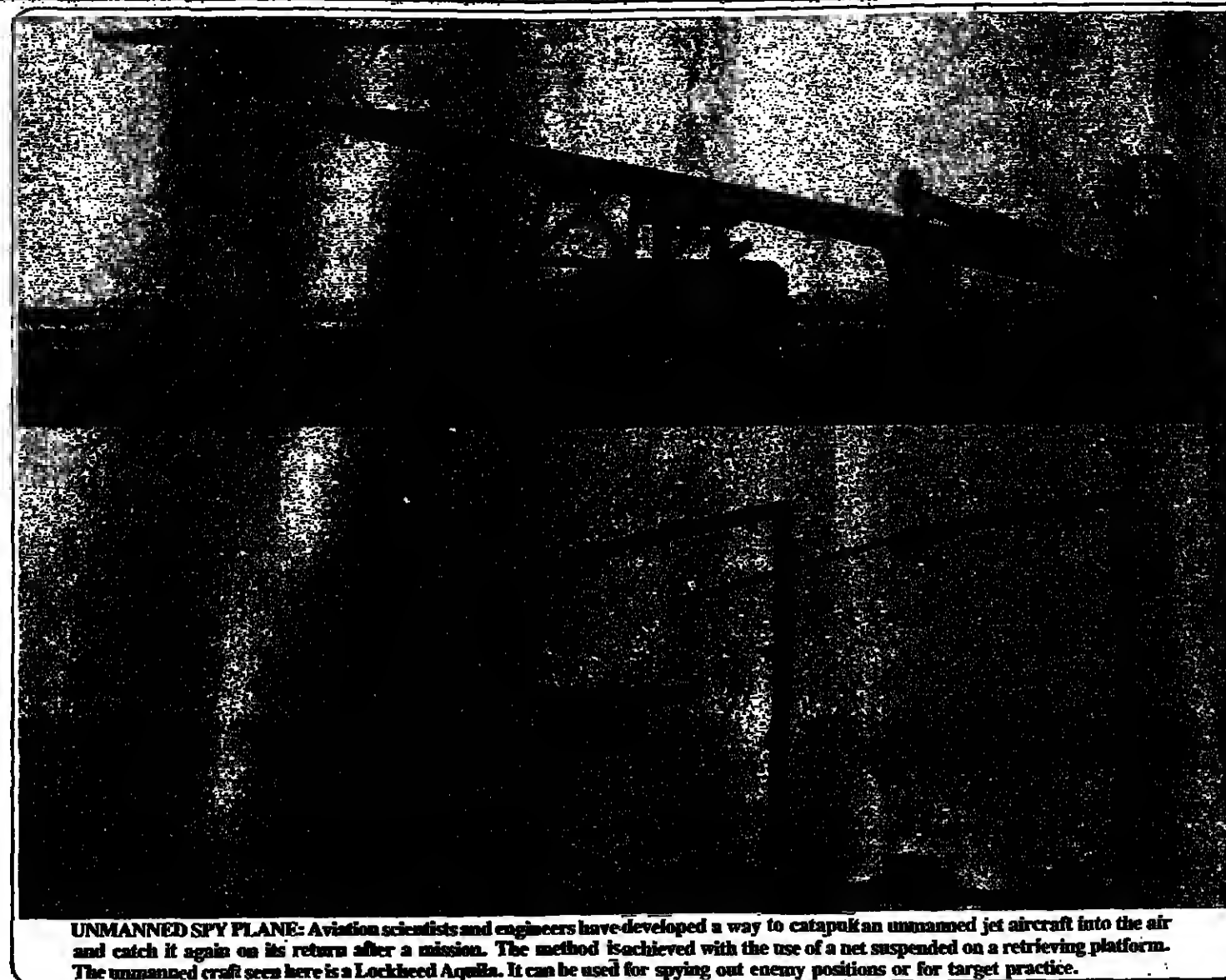
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan will hold tough talks on defense and trade with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone who arrives here for an official four-day visit Monday.

A high U.S. official said President Reagan would secure promises from Nakasone to reduce the soaring trade balance and increase Japan's defense efforts. A spokesman said that the discussions will be "tough and frank." He praised Nakasone for making statements on the need to improve relations with the United States since he came to power six weeks ago, but cautioned that "a lot more needs to be done."

The official said the Nakasone-Reagan summit was an "important step in a process that we hope will move toward even more progress." Reagan recently told an associa-

tion of farmers he would raise the issue of Japanese quotas on American beef and citrus despite a recent commercial legislation announced by Tokyo. The American official said Reagan was "going to take up the issue but Nakasone said in Tokyo that he was under strong pressure from Japanese interest groups not to liberalize trade barriers protecting these products."

Meanwhile, the White House dismissed Friday published reports saying U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield would resign in March. "We have no indication" regarding such a resignation, a White House spokesman said, stressing that every year at this time there are speculations about Mansfield's resignation. He added that the U.S. ambassador, who will be 80 in March, "is going back and doing an outstanding job."



UNMANNED SPY PLANE: Aviation scientists and engineers have developed a way to catapult an uncrewed jet aircraft into the air and catch it again on its return after a mission. The method is achieved with the use of a net suspended from a retrieving platform. The uncrewed craft seen here is a Lockheed A-12. It can be used for spying on enemy positions or for target practice.

As Cranston sparks controversy

U.S. Democrats begin poll campaign

SACRAMENTO, California, Jan. 15 (R) — The Democrats formally opened their 1984 presidential election campaign Saturday, 22 months before the vote, with a barrage of parties, receptions, press conferences — and a political controversy.

California Senator Alan Cranston, one of seven possible presidential candidates attending the campaign's first Democratic Party state convention, upset party leaders Friday night by calling for the conference to take a popularity poll of the contenders. Sen. Cranston, seeking recognition as California's first choice, said he believed he would win a poll at the convention of more than 2,000 delegates of the California party.

"I think I could win the poll and I believe former Vice President Walter Mondale would come in second," he told a press conference. The delegates were expected to decide later Saturday whether to hold such a poll, but party leaders and many officials believed a vote would be meaningless and divisive to the party with the actual election still so far away.

Possible candidates who would be included in a popularity poll, along with Sen. Cranston and Mondale, would be Senators Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Gary Hart of Colorado,

John Glenn of Ohio and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina. At stake in California is the biggest bloc of votes — 345 delegates — to the Democratic presidential convention next year.

Charles Manatt, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, told a press conference Friday night he hoped the convention would not take a vote. "I believe such a poll would show the people of California are very fond of Alan, but it would not say anything against Sen. Hart or the others," he said. Nancy Pelosi, chairman of the state party, said she thought it was too early in the campaign to hold a popularity poll.

But Sen. Cranston, 68, assistant Democratic leader in the Senate, has waged a strong campaign to woo the convention delegates in preparation for a poll. "My biggest problem is name recognition," he said.

Mondale, asked how he felt about such a poll, replied briefly: "I don't care. I don't mind either way." With Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts having said that he will not be a presidential candidate in 1984, Mondale is generally considered the man to beat at present in the campaign and he would have most to lose in a vote at the convention.

While Democratic leaders stressed party unity, delegates prepared for a round of meetings and parties.

Sen. Cranston was trying to boost his popularity with a three-hour party Saturday night starring pop singer Kenny Loggins, while Sen. Hart will be enticing delegates to his own three-hour party where he promised "live music." A list of convention "special events" included 28 receptions, this weekend, given not only by the presidential hopefuls but also by contenders for state office.

Mondale and Sen. Cranston both stressed at their press conferences Friday night that their main political opponent was President Reagan, not each other.

"It is obvious that President Reagan's economic policies have failed. This country is having its worst time since the Great Depression," said Mondale. "This nation cannot handle its problems without a president who leads. As an American, I appeal to the president — take charge of your government."

Cranston was rated the favorite to win a Los Angeles Times poll of 1,700 delegates to the California convention. The results are to be announced Sunday. In national polls, Cranston ranks far behind Mondale and John Glenn. But he has been endorsed by nearly all of California's Democratic Party leaders.

Basque kidnappers embarrass government

MADRID, Jan. 15 (AP) — The recent kidnapping of the young son of a wealthy industrialist has dramatized the dilemma the new Socialist government faces in its attempt to deal with Basque terrorism that claims as its goal independence for part of northern Spain.

In addition, the Jan. 10, abduction of Miguel Ignacio Echeverria from his home in San Sebastian has taken a sinisterly ironic turn. The kidnappers, contrary to custom, have not identified themselves or their cause, although they left a note demanding a ransom equivalent to more than \$1 million to be paid by Monday.

Since its foundation in 1968, ETA, the original Basque separatist organization now split into several factions, has used kidnap-

pings — 51 since 1970 — to extort funds to carry out its campaign to rid the three northern provinces that form Euzkadi — the Basque country — of central government control. Five of the kidnap victims were killed, eight wounded and the rest released.

Assassination of paramilitary civil guards, national police and military officers is another ETA tactic to press home its goal of Basque independence. In 1982, ETA-connected violence accounted for 47 lives, most of them civil guards stationed in the Basque provinces.

But both ETA-political-military (PM) and ETA-military (M), two factions that have refused to pay down their arms, have denied responsibility for the kidnapping, calling it an

attempt by the right to "sow confusion" or simply the work of common criminals.

The government of Socialist Premier Felipe Gonzalez, however, has said it believes ETA is responsible. Most of the Spanish press appears to agree.

A spokesman for the Echeverria family, descendants of the founders of the Patricio Echeverria Metalworks, one of the most important industrial complexes in the Basque country, said there had been no contact with the kidnappers and denied published reports that the family had been putting together the 165-million-peseta (more than \$1 million) ransom outside Spain.

Interior Minister Jose Barriobueno has stated categorically that no ransom should be paid for kidnap victims and said the government would pursue intermediaries. Later, Vice Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra, seeking to soften the tone, said although the government did not approve of ransom payments, it certainly couldn't prevent use of "humanitarian means" to secure the release of a kidnap victim.

Police, agitators clash in Assam

NEW DELHI, Jan. 15 (AP) — Paramilitary troops and riot police clashed with anti-immigrant agitators in at least four towns in the troubled northeastern Indian state of Assam Friday as one more opposition party announced that it boycott elections there, reports said.

The agitators, who are demanding the disenfranchisement and expulsion of hundreds of thousands of refugees from neighboring Bangladesh, have vowed to block the Assam state assembly elections. The balloting is scheduled to be spread over three days beginning Feb. 14. The Lok Dal (masses party) headed by Karpoori Thakur said it would join three other opposition groups in an election boycott campaign. It described as a "mockery of democracy" Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's decision to hold elections in Assam without solving the aliens' issue.

The United News of India reported that five highway bridges were set ablaze Friday in Assam's Darrang and Nowgong districts. Authorities ordered curfew in Sibsagar, 900 kilometers northeast of Calcutta, after demonstrators protesting the government move to hold elections set a government building on fire, UNI said.

Dozens of leaders of the student-led agitation were jailed the past weekend in a government crackdown. Authorities airlifted

about 15,000 troops of the paramilitary central reserve police force to Assam and clamped strict press censorship in the state. More than 300 persons have died in clashes since the agitation began in late 1979. Assam is unrepresented in the national parliament because agitators blocked the January, 1980, nationwide parliamentary elections that returned Mrs. Gandhi to power.

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touched on our dignity as Arabs." "This does not concern only the PLO, but all Arabs," he said, "and we have thus decided to call off the visit."

The visit was to have been undertaken by the seven-member Arab League team, including a PLO representative. Tunisia is a member of the team.

Al-Siba's announcement followed conflicting reports throughout the past week about compromise formulas aimed at setting a new date for the controversial visit, with one report from Morocco saying early February was a likely date.

The controversy arose over a British demand for a public PLO recognition of Israel's right to exist, and a renunciation of terrorism, before acceptance of a PLO representative at talks in London.

Mao's wife said getting reprieve

PEKING, Jan. 15 (AP) — Mao Tse-tung's widow Chiang Qing will not be executed and a court probably will commute the suspended death sentence she faces to life imprisonment, well-informed sources said Saturday.

The sources, who asked to be identified, agreed when asked if they thought her death sentence would be commuted and she would die in prison. They said her political career had been a disaster. The court's decision for postponing her execution has not been fixed. The Chinese foreign ministry, in a statement, said that her case would be handled according to law. On Jan. 25, 1969, a special court sentenced Miss Jiang, leader of the radical "gang of four," to death with a two-year reprieve. She was convicted of treason, attacking mass organizations and obstructing revolutionary movements in the 1950-76 cultural revolution.

Execution was suspended for two years to give her a chance to repent. Her closest collaborator Zhang Chunqiao, said to be dying of cancer, also was given a suspended death sentence.

Throughout her trial, Miss Jiang proclaimed her innocence, denounced China's current pragmatic leaders, who had ousted her, and said she was carrying out Mao's orders. She threw tantrums, shouted revolutionary slogans and was dragged out of court several times.

China's Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang has said her attitude remains defiant in prison. The sources said, however, that her attitude was not particularly bad.

Repentance and contrition are important in the Chinese legal system and could be grounds for commuting her sentence. No Chinese or foreign diplomatic observer says China will execute Mao's widow, now about 66. Foreign analysts say an execution could antagonize leftist sympathizers, and tarnish China's image at a time when it is developing a legal system.

Miss Jiang's whereabouts are not known. She is believed by many to be in a prison outside Peking where she is well-treated and making dolls. Her name has disappeared from the press as China tries to bury the era of divisive, radical politics.

China may free diplomat's fiancée

PEKING, Jan. 15 (AFP) — Chinese authorities failed to rule out Saturday the possibility that Li Shuang, who is engaged to a French diplomat formerly posted here, might soon be paroled from a sentence of forced labor for her relations with the diplomat.

An official in the foreign ministry's information department was asked about reports from informed French sources that Miss Li, 26, might be released from a two-year "re-education through labor" term before French President Francois Mitterrand visits China next spring. His only comment was that "we have not heard of this."

The French sources were members of a Socialist delegation that went to China early this month. They said Miss Li might be released and authorized to marry her fiancée, Emmanuel Bellefroid, who left for Paris in October 1981. The New China News Agency at the time accused him of "behavior incompatible with his diplomatic status." Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang accused Bellefroid, 34, of having aided Chinese dissident movements.

The agency rejected French claims that Bellefroid's departure after six years at the French Embassy here was linked to his romance with Miss Li, saying China was not hostile to marriages between Chinese and foreigners. After Miss Li, a painter in a non-conformist artists' group, was arrested Sept. 9, 1981, the agency accused her of living with Bellefroid.

Rostow to get job

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (R) — President Reagan said Friday that Eric S. Rostow, whom he sacked as director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), would be appointed a member of the president's foreign intelligence advisory board. The board advises the president but has no role in formulating policy.

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Athens	7	45	16	61	cloudy		Madrid	2	28	12	54	clear	
Bahrain	15	59	20	68	cloudy		Mexico City	6	42	19	66	cloudy	
Bangkok	20	68	31	88	clear		Miami	10	50	21	70	cloudy	
Barcelona	20	69	28	82	showers		Montreal	-13	9	-4	25	cloudy	
Beirut	7	45	12	34	cloudy		Moscow	1	34	2	36	clear	
Brussels	1	34	4	39	rain		New Delhi	0	40	19	66	cloudy	
Buenos Aires	18	64	27	81	cloudy		New York	-5	24	3	37	clear	
Cairo	7	48	16	61	cloudy		Niagara	3	37	12	54	cloudy	
Chengdu	-3	26	1	35	snow		Osaka	0	42	2	36	clear	
Copenhagen	2	34	4	39	rain		Paris	-8	18	0	32	cloudy	
Dublin	5	41	9	48	cloudy		Peking	1	34	10	50	cloudy	
Frankfurt	1	34	3	37	rain		Perth	23	73	37	98	clear	
Geneva	0	32	4	39	cloudy		Rio de Janeiro	19	66	31	88	rain	
Havana	14	57	21	70	cloudy		San Francisco	6	42	11	52	clear	
Helsinki	0	32	1	34	cloudy		Seoul	6	21	2	36	cloudy	
Hong Kong	14	57	20	68	clear		Singapore	23	73	27	81	clear	
Honolulu	17	63	27	80	clear		Stockholm	17	62	34	75	clear	
Jakarta	23	72	30	86	rain		Sydney	17	62	34	75	clear	
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain		Taipei	13	55	21	70	clear	
Lima	20	68	28	82	rain		Tokyo	1	34	10	50	clear	
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